

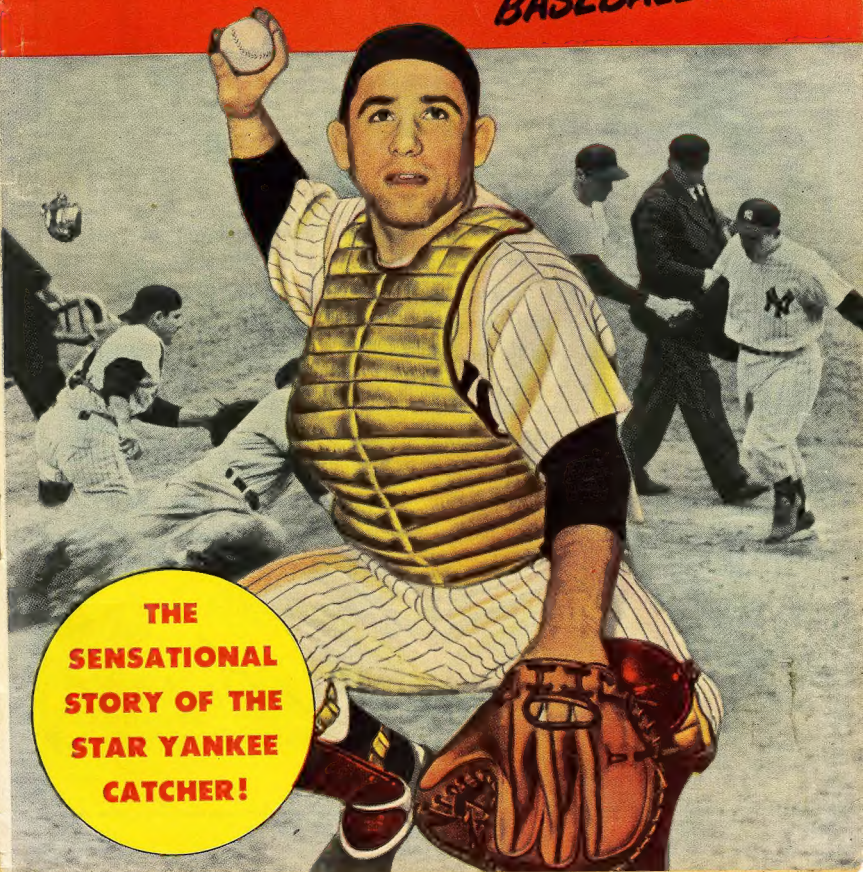
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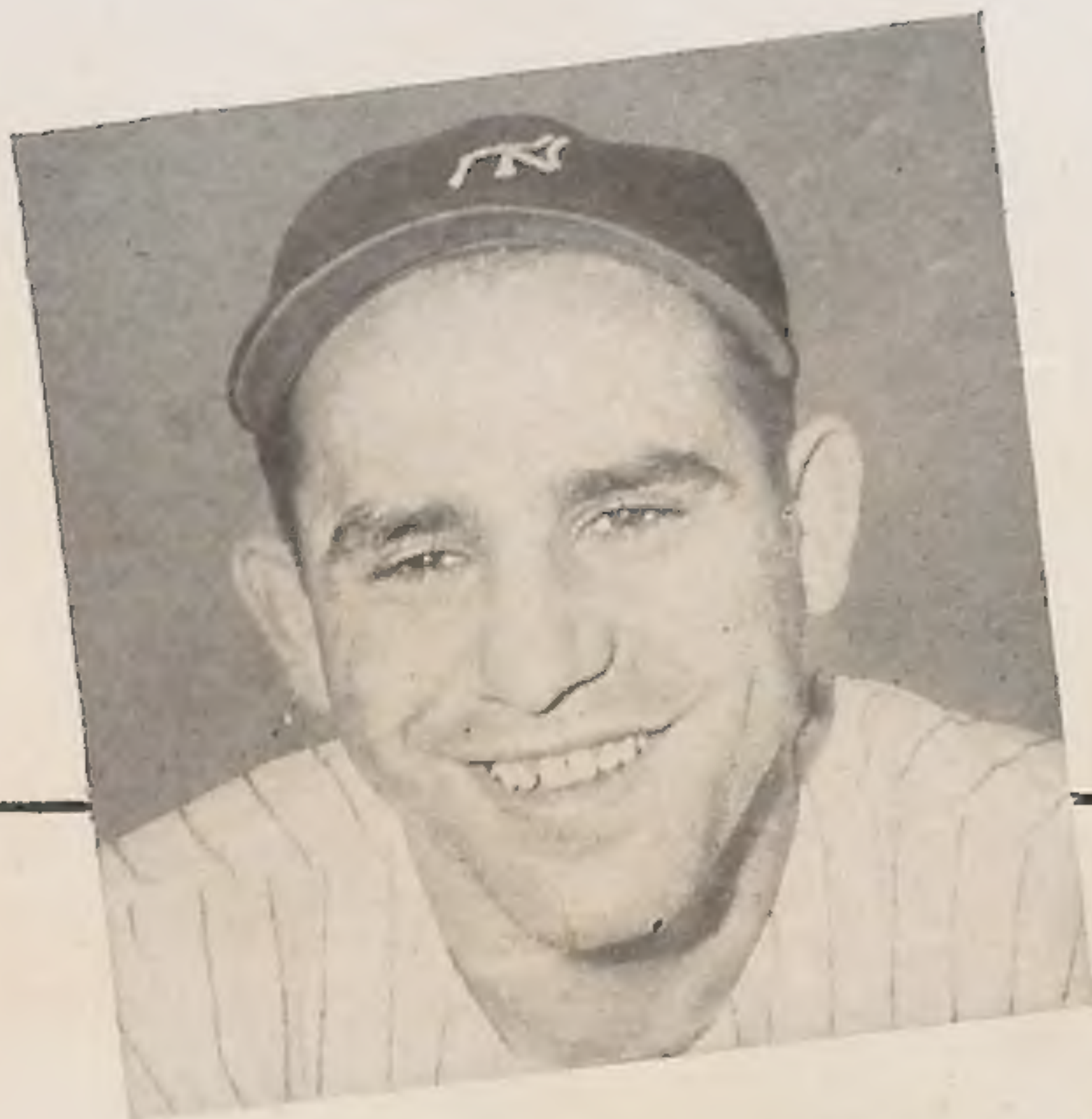
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*BASEBALL HERO*



**THE  
SENSATIONAL  
STORY OF THE  
STAR YANKEE  
CATCHER!**





Dear Fans:

This story is going to make you think about how a boy can love something so hard he can make his dreams come true. I love baseball and I have always played it hard and clean—and to win. Only a few years ago I was playing on back lots and in school yards or wherever I could—hardly daring to hope I'd be a big leaguer some day.

And everyday, I learned something new—how to hit, run, field, catch. If you put your best into any work you like, you'll be a star some day, too. So, dig in, fellows—knock the cover off the ball, go get that fly, take an extra base, don't let that guy coming in from third knock the ball out of your hand! Play for keeps, be a good sport—and you'll hit the top!

As ever, your pal,

*Lawrence Berra*



# YOGI BERRA

## BASEBALL HERO

**Y**OGI BERRA, the boy wonder of the New York Yankees, is the best-beloved ball player of the day! A hero to his friends and fans alike, he is recognized today as the greatest catcher in the game! His is a story that can only be told in America...the rise of a poor Italian immigrant's son from poverty to riches in a sport which makes millions happier!



WRITTEN BY CHARLES DEXTER

IN YOGI'S FIRST TWO GAMES WITH THE NORFOLK TARS OF THE PIEDMONT LEAGUE IN 1943, HE DROVE IN TWENTY-THREE RUNS WITH THREE HOMERS, TWO TRIPLES, A DOUBLE AND SIX SINGLES!

ON JUNE 15, 1947, YOGI EXECUTED THAT RAREST OF PLAYS, AN UNASSISTED DOUBLE-KILLING BY A CATCHER!



VOTARIOUS AS A "BAD BALL HITTER," YOGI IS MOST DANGEROUS IN A PINCH AS HE PROVED IN 1947 WHEN HE SOCKED THE FIRST PINCH-HIT HOMER IN WORLD SERIES' HISTORY!



# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO

**P** IETRO BERRA, WHO HAD COME TO THE UNITED STATES FROM SUNNY ITALY, WAS THE HAPPIEST MAN IN ST. LOUIS WHEN PAULINA, HIS WIFE, PRESENTED HIM WITH A LUSTY BABY BOY, HIS FOURTH SON, ON MAY 12, 1925!



LET'S CALL HIM LAWRENCE PETER, MAMMA!

**T** HE BIG BERRA HOUSE ON ELIZABETH STREET IN ST. LOUIS ALWAYS RANG WITH THE LAUGHTER OF CHILDREN!



COME ON, YOU KIDS, EAT! YOU, TONY.. AND MIKE AND JOHN.. WHAT'S THE MATTER, LARRY?

I WANNA KING SANDWICH, TOO, PA!

ME, TOO!

PAPA BERRA ALWAYS BROUGHT HOME GOOD THINGS TO EAT!

**P** APA BERRA WORKED HARD IN A ST. LOUIS BRICKYARD BESIDE HIS FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR, GIOVANNI GARAGIOLA!



MY LARRY'S ALWAYS THROWING THINGS, GIOVANNI! HE HIT ME IN THE EYE WITH HIS BOTTLE YESTERDAY!

HE'S LIKE MY JOE, PIETRO! HE THREW HIS RATTLE CLEAR ACROSS THE ROOM!

**W** EEEK-END PICNICS ON THE BANKS OF THE MISSISSIPPI FOUND THE BERRA AND GARAGIOLA FAMILIES JOINED IN GAMES! YOGI'S OLDER BROTHERS WERE ALREADY FINE BALL PLAYERS!



HEY TONY, LET ME AND JOE PLAY BALL, TOO!

YEH, MIKE, I WANNA PITCH!

OUR BOYS ARE VERY GOOD, EH, GIOVANNI?

YOU BET, PIETRO!

**S** OMETIMES YOGI PITCHED AND JOE CAUGHT!



HEY, YOU GOT A FINE CURVE, LARRY!

**A** ND SOMETIMES JOE PITCHED AND YOGI CAUGHT!



SOME SPEED, JOE!

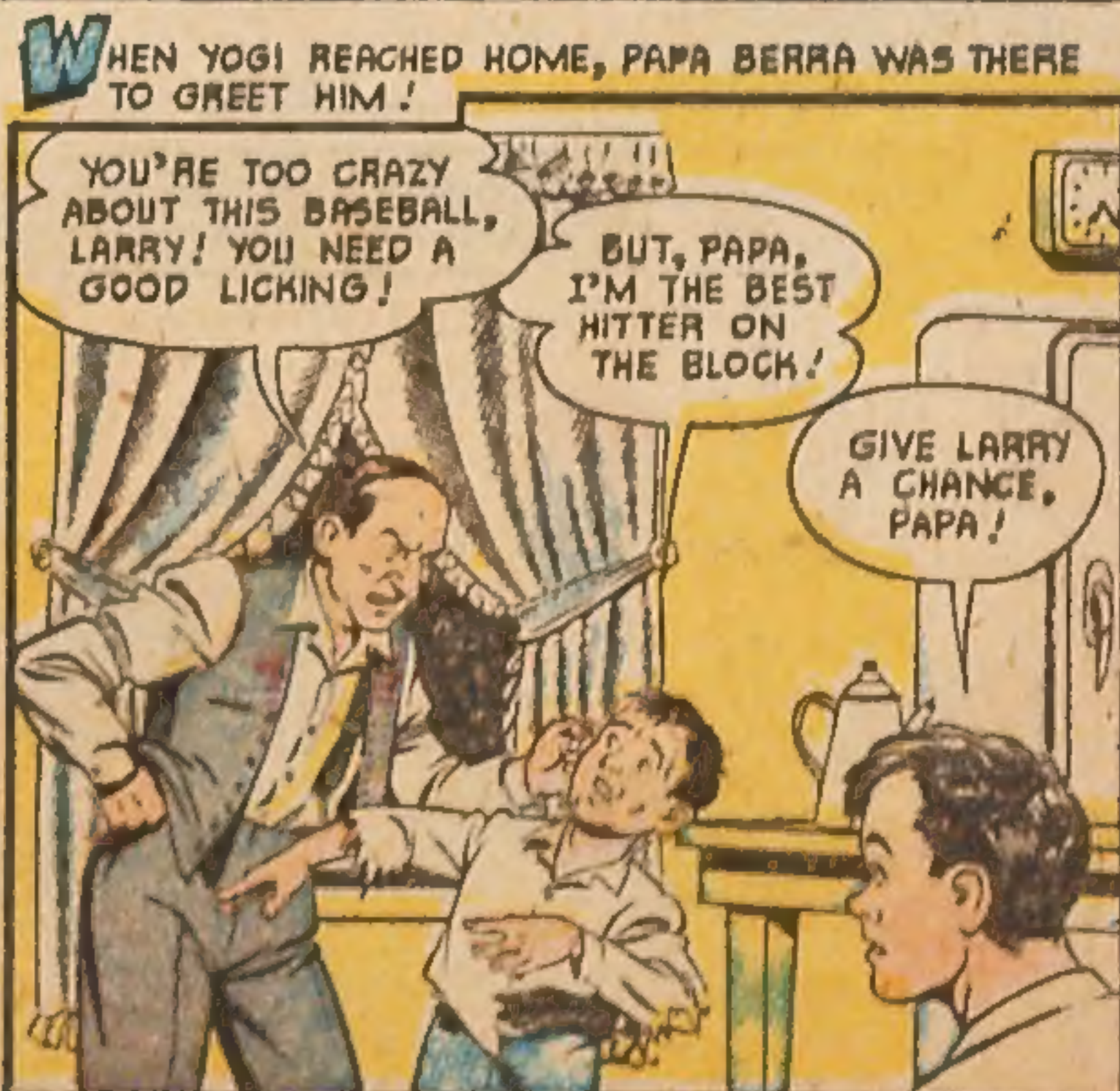
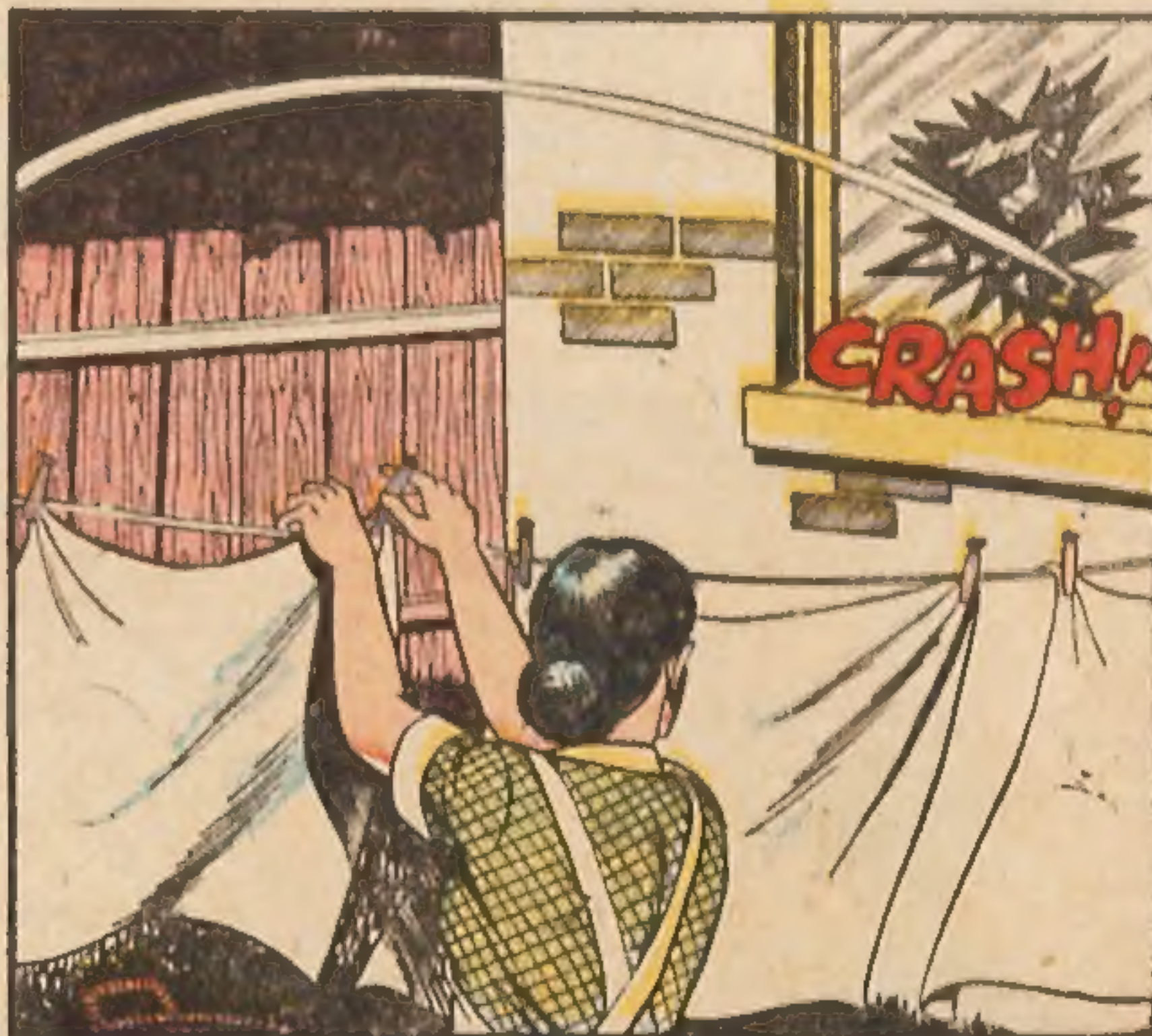
THAT WAS AN 'OUTCURVE, LARRY!



# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO



**A**FTER THE PLAYGROUND CLOSED, LARRY AND JOE PLAYED STICKBALL UNTIL DARK!





# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO



**A**T NIGHT IT WAS ALWAYS THE SAME! YOGI DREAMED OF SPORTING GLORY!

**W**HEN LARRY AND JOE WERE TWELVE, JOE CAUSINO, A NEIGHBOR, STOPPED TO TALK WITH THEM AFTER A PLAYGROUND GAME!



YOU KIDS OUGHT TO JOIN THE YMCA LEAGUE! GET UP A TEAM! YOU'LL HAVE UNIFORMS, A REAL DIAMOND AND SCHEDULED GAMES!

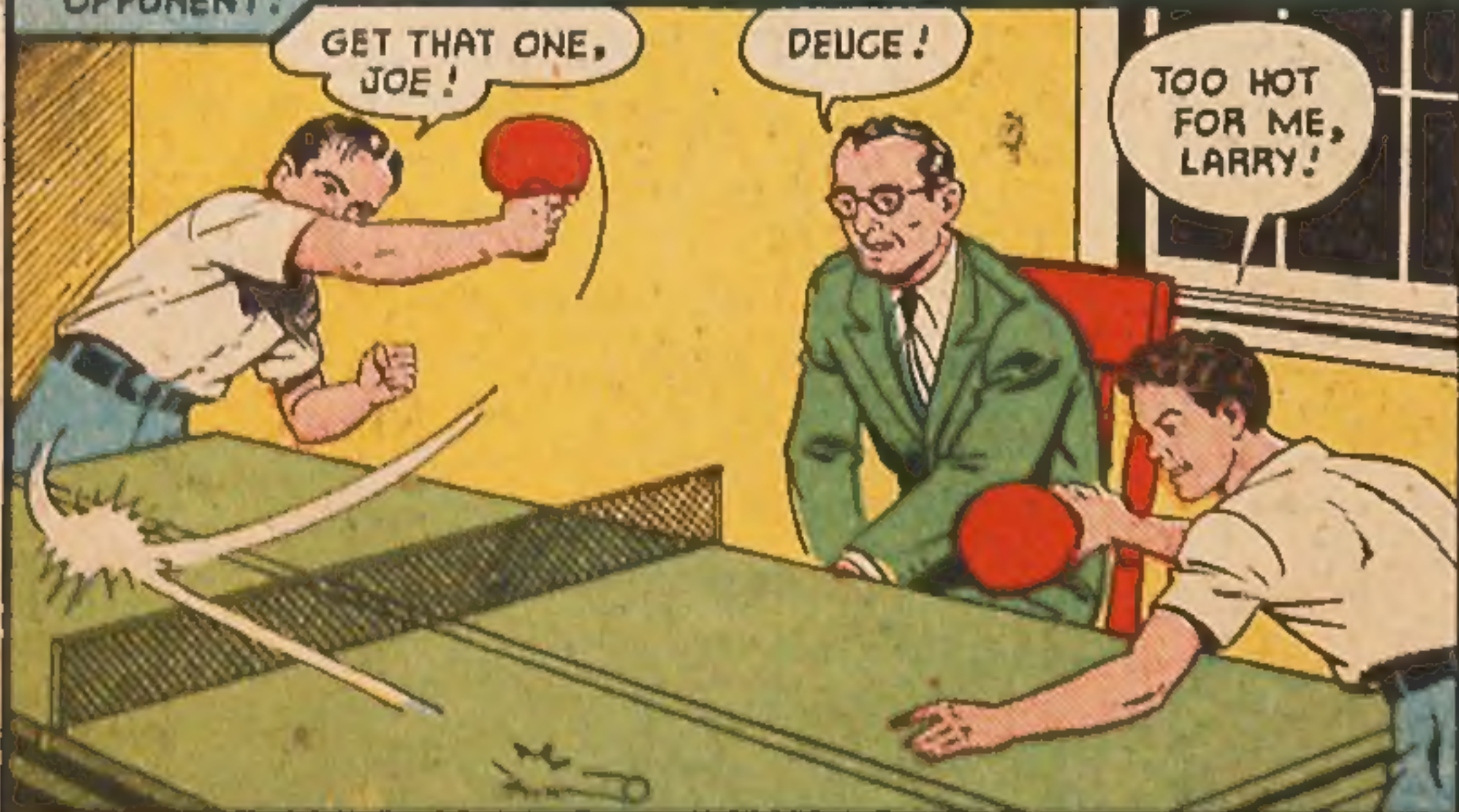
WHAT D'YA SAY, JOE? WE COULD CALL OUR TEAM THE STAGS!

I'M FOR IT, LARRY!

**F**OR THE NEXT TWO YEARS YOGI STARRED ON THE STAGS IN ALL POSITIONS—PITCHING, CATCHING, PLAYING THE INFELD AND THE OUTFIELD!



**Y**OGI WAS ADEPT IN OTHER SPORTS, TOO! HE FOUGHT HIS WAY INTO THE SEMI-FINALS AT THE Y TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT, WITH JOE HIS OPPONENT!



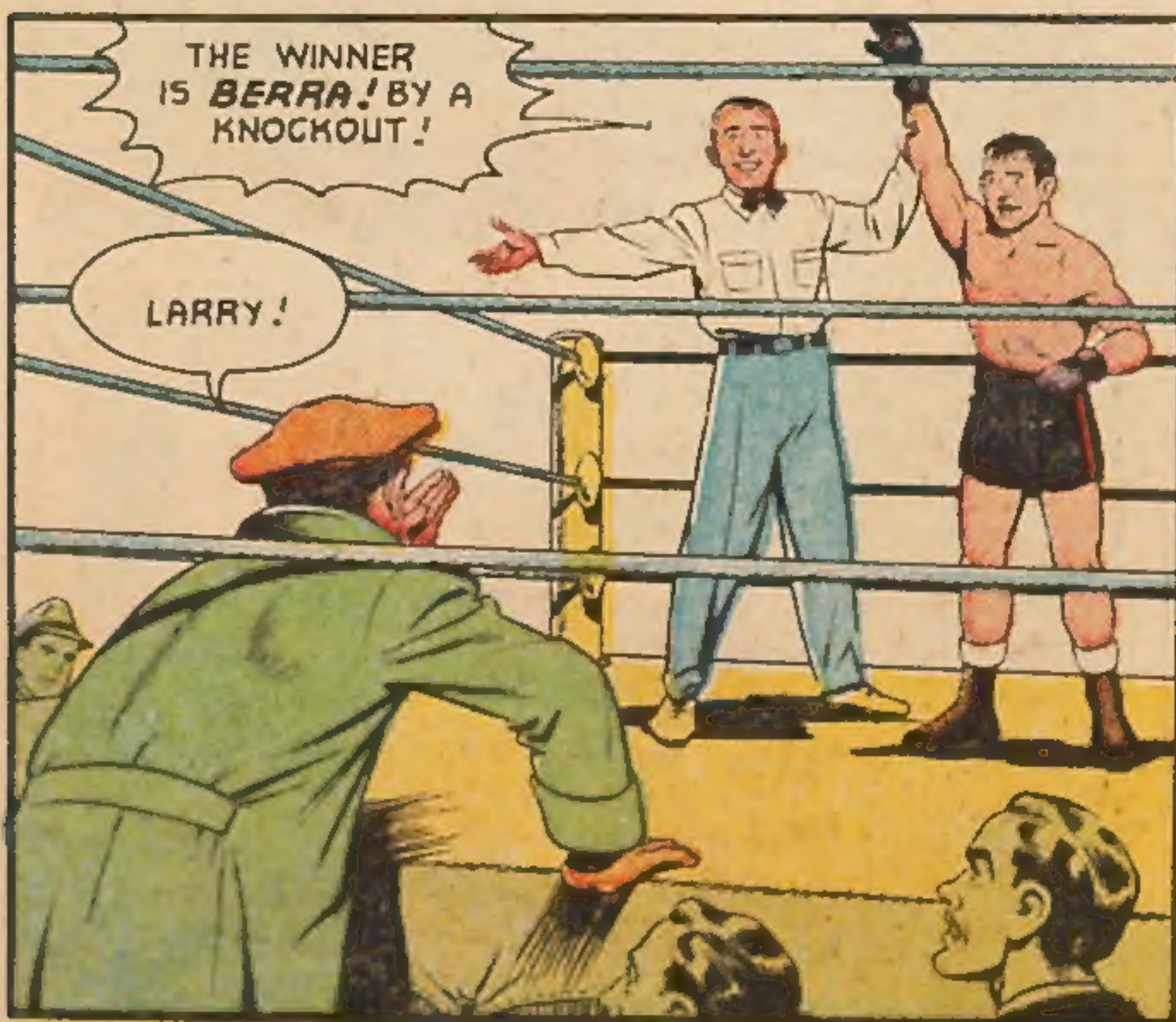
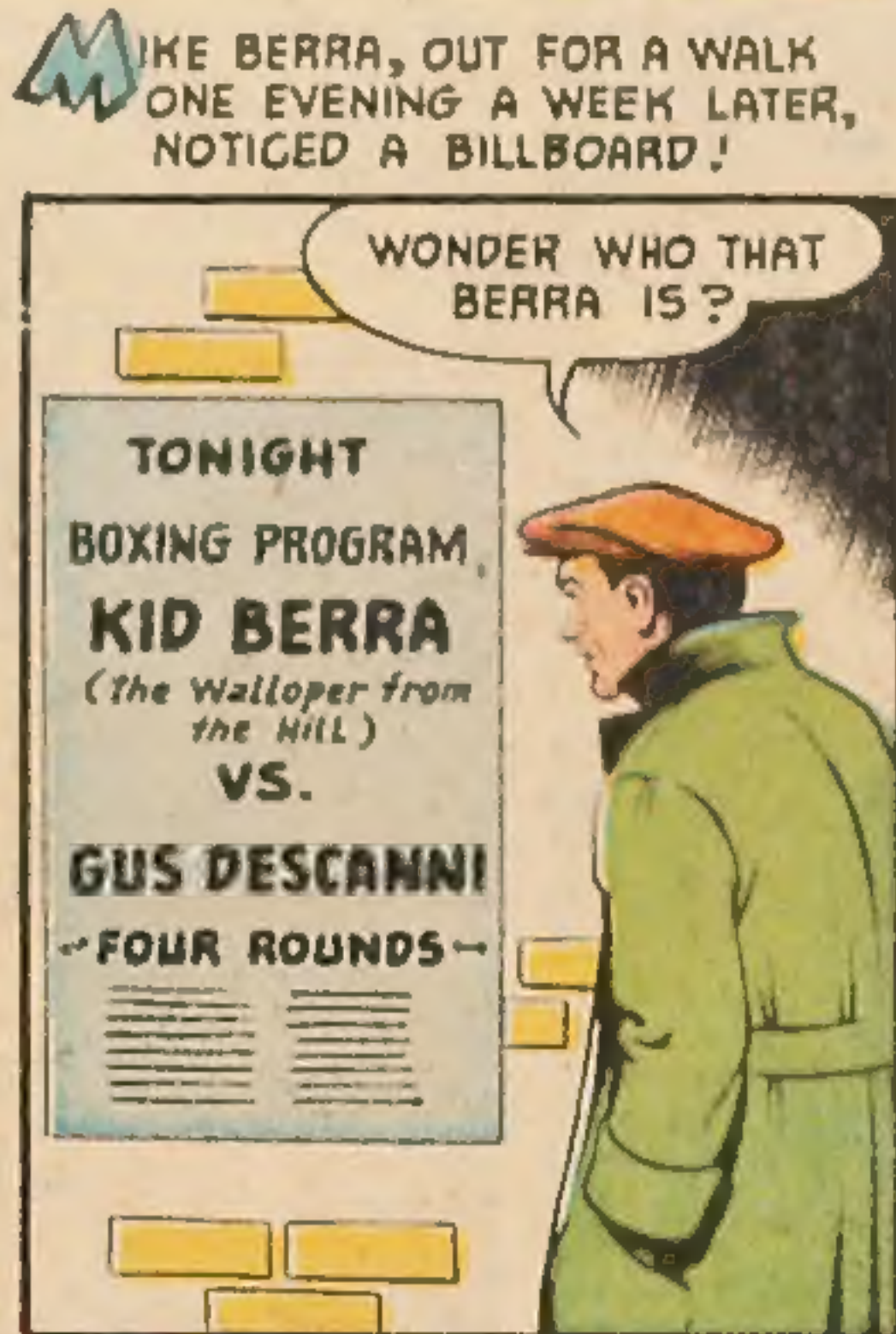
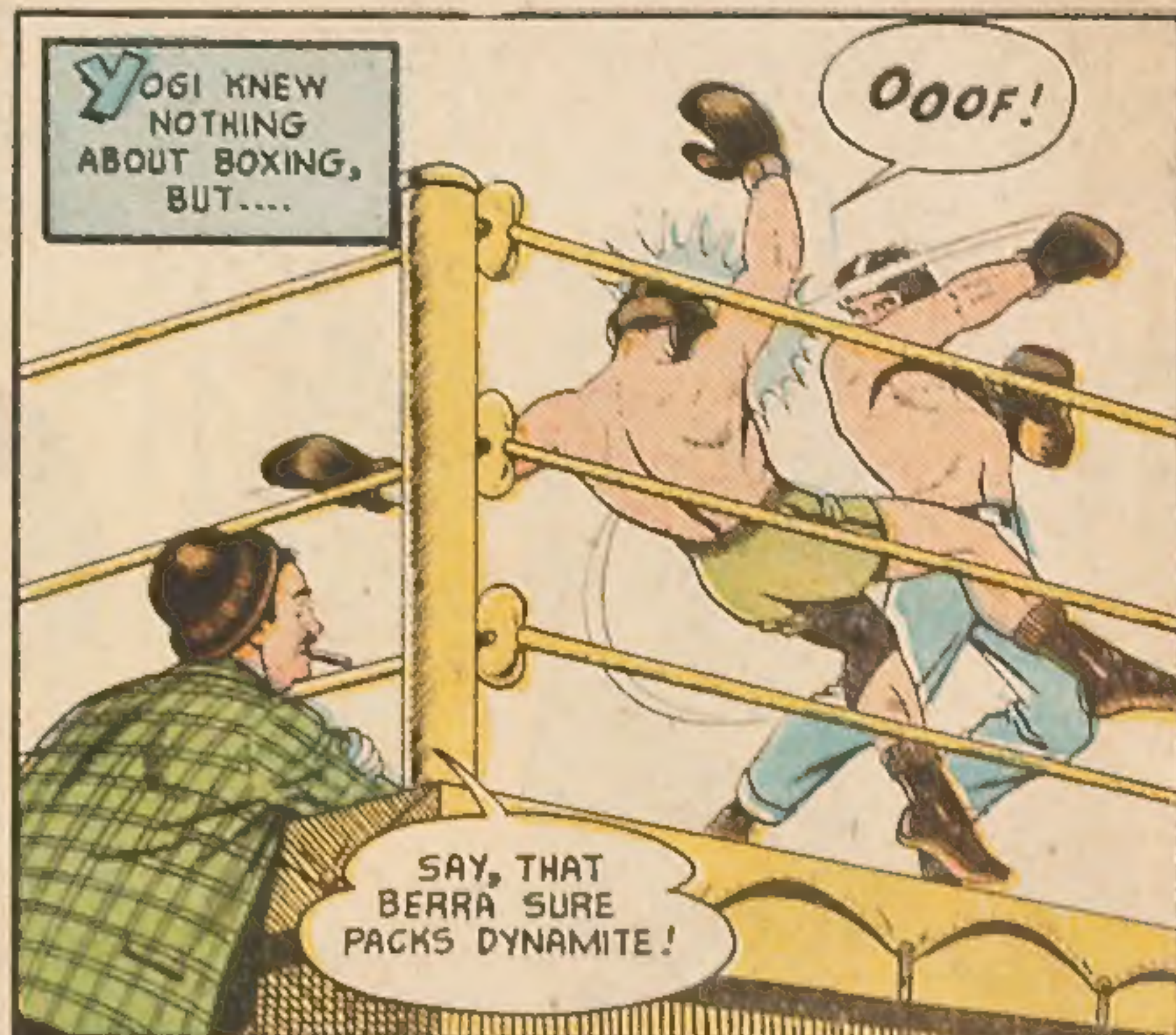
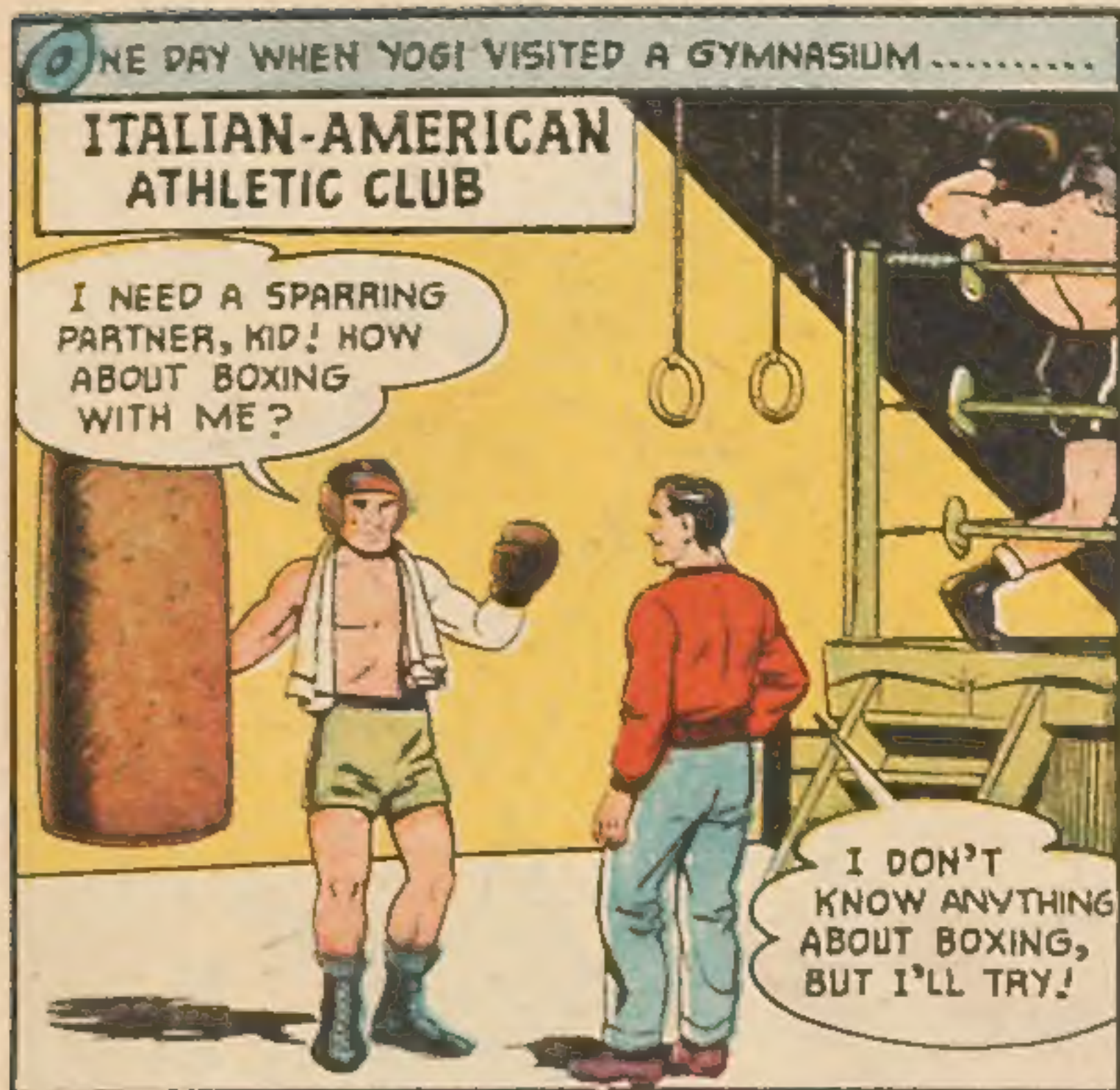
GET THAT ONE, JOE!

DEUCE!

TOO HOT FOR ME, LARRY!

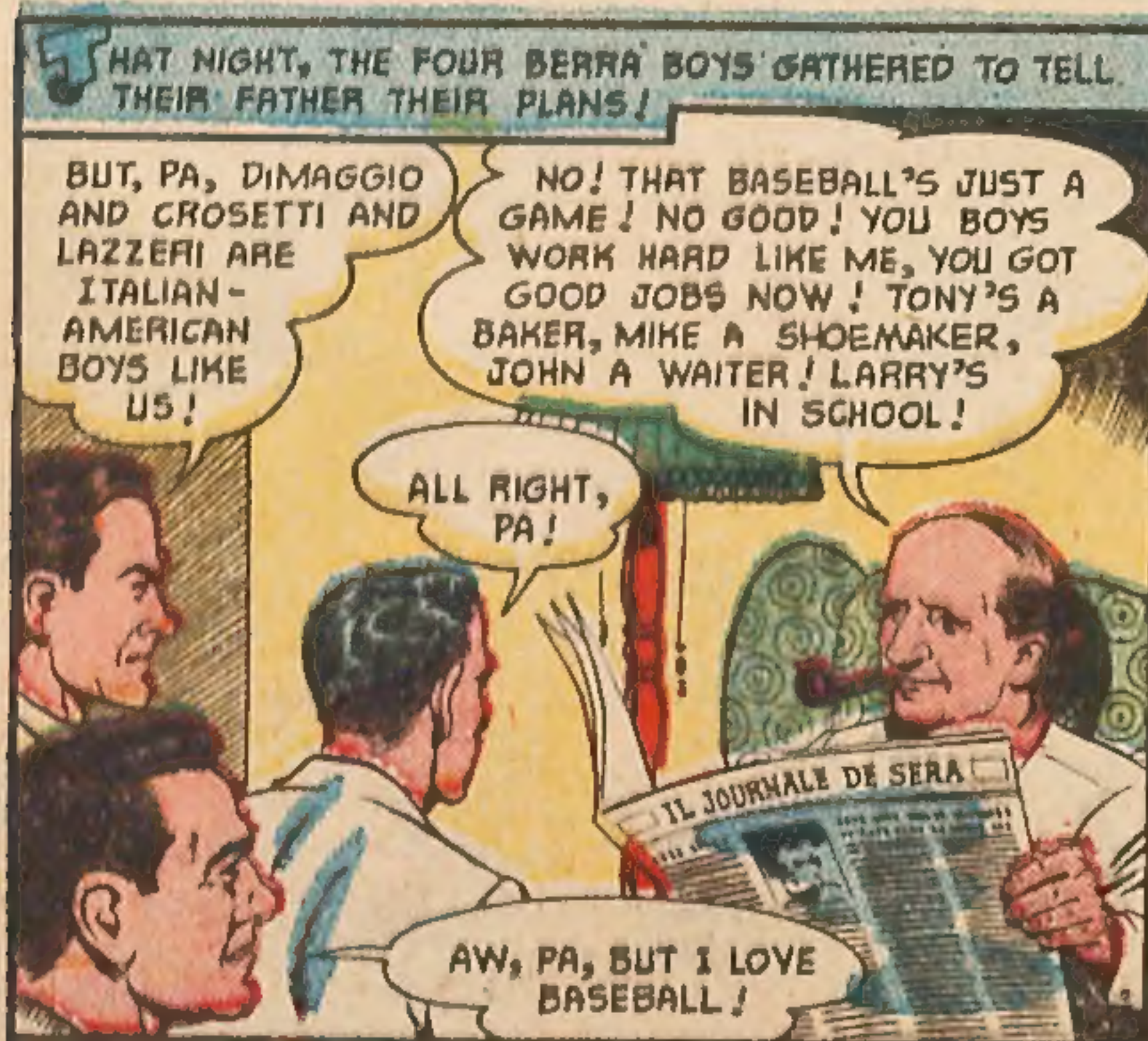


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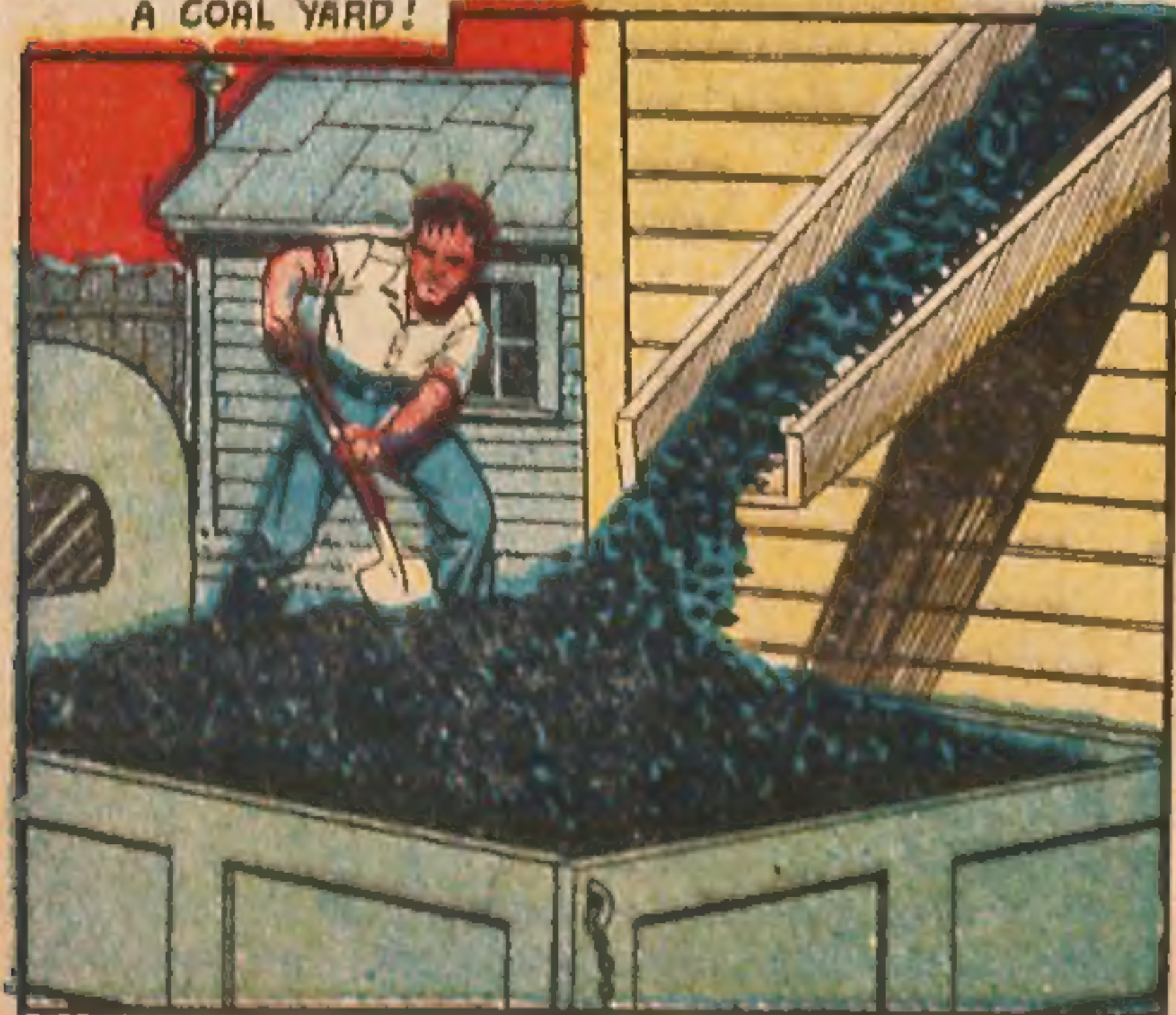




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WHEN LARRY WAS FOURTEEN, HE GRADUATED FROM WADE SCHOOL! THAT SUMMER HE TOOK A JOB IN A COAL YARD!

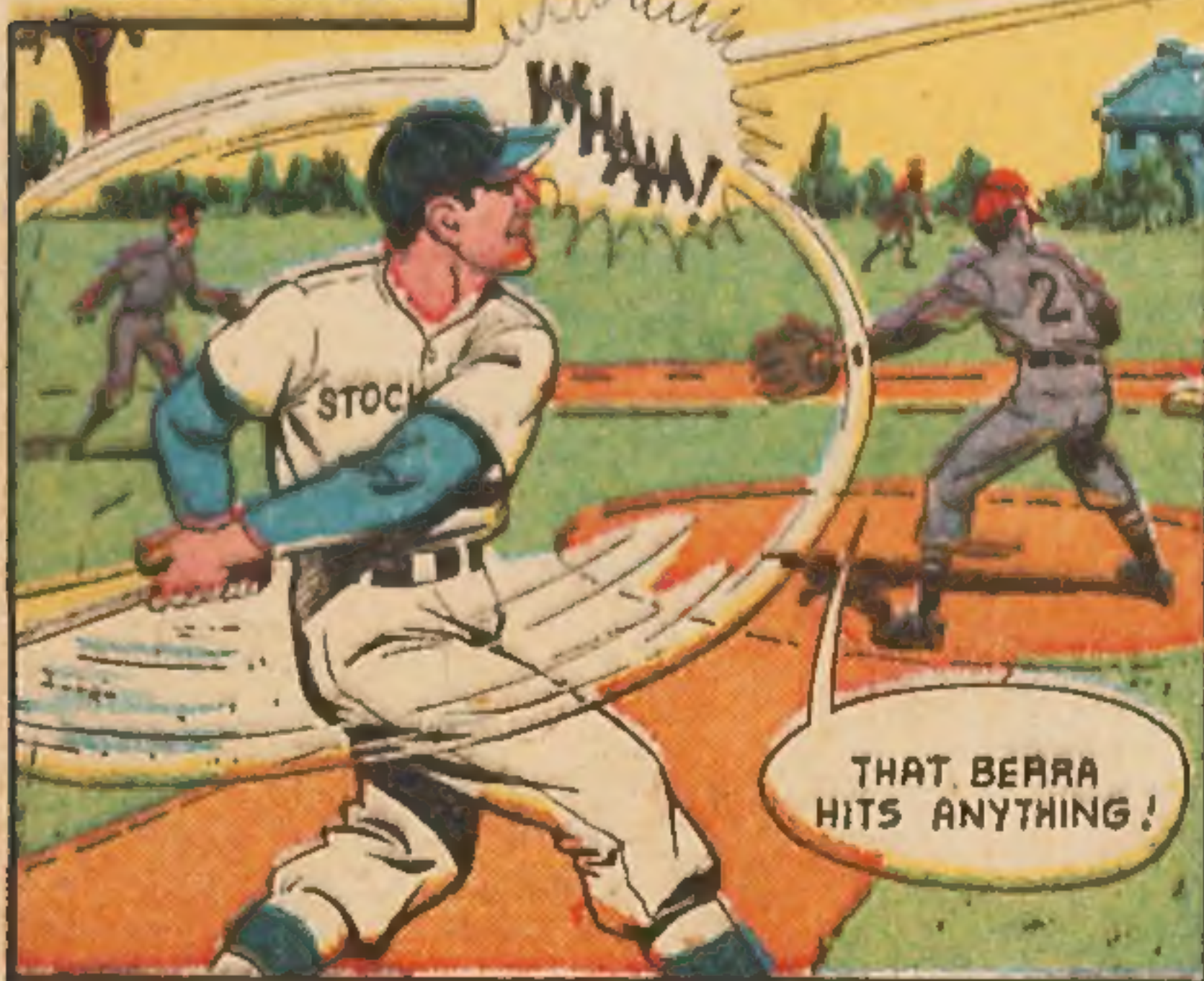




# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO



**T**HE STOCKHAM TEAM WAS THE CLASSIEST IN THE ST. LOUIS LEGION LEAGUE AND LARRY SOON BECAME ITS MOST FEARED BATTER!



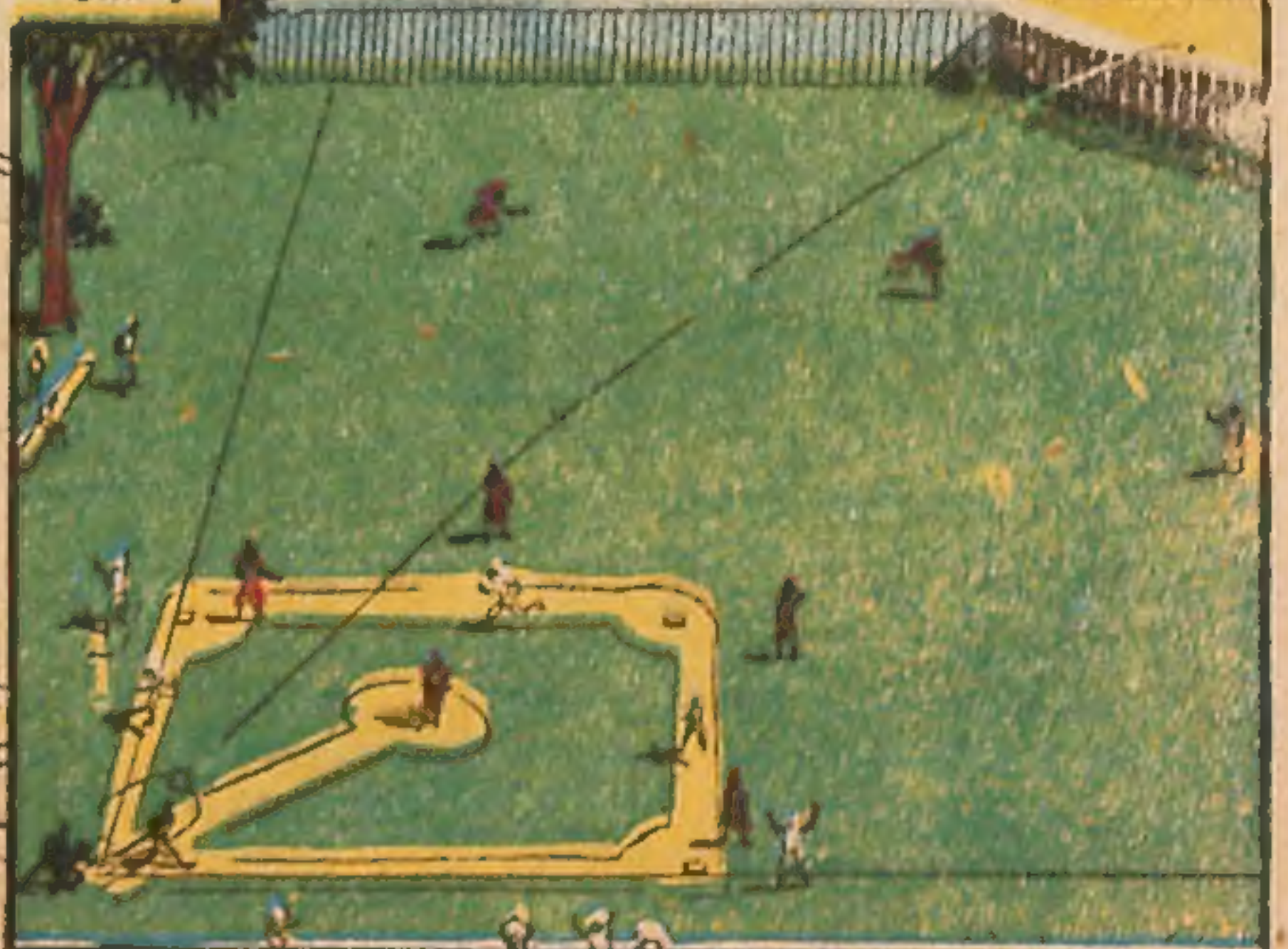
**A**LTHOUGH YOGI WAS THICK-LEGGED AND HEAVY, HE RAN BASES BETTER THAN MEN TWICE AS FAST AFOOT!



**Y**OGI PLAYED OUTFIELD, INFIELD AND CAUGHT FOR STOCKHAM!



**S**TOCKHAM, LED BY YOGI AND JOE GARAGIOLA, WON GAME AFTER GAME IN THE LEGION LEAGUE! AND IT WAS A YOGI HOMER WITH THE BASES FULL THAT CLINCHED THE CHAMPIONSHIP!







**A**FTER THE TRYOUT, BRANCH RICKEY, THEN PRESIDENT OF THE CARDINALS, VISITED THE BENCH!



**B**UT YOGI, HIS DREAMS SMASHED, WAS HEART-BROKEN! HIS PAL JOE, THE BOY HE HAD PLAYED BALL WITH SINCE HE WAS FOUR YEARS OLD, WOULD BE SEPARATED FROM HIM! HE'D HAD HIS CHANCE AND FAILED!



# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO

**THE NEXT DAY, YOGI TOLD COACH BROWNE ABOUT HIS POOR PERFORMANCE!**

I PLAYED AWFUL BALL, MR. BROWNE! WHY, BRANCH RICKEY SAID I OUGHT TO GET MYSELF A JOB SOMEWHERE!

YOU WERE JUST OFF YOUR GAME, YOGI! I'VE GOT AN IDEA SOME OTHER TEAM WILL SIGN YOU!

**STOCKHAM POST AMERICAN LEAGION**

**THAT WEEK BROWNE VISITED SPORTSMAN'S PARK WHERE THE ST. LOUIS BROWNS WERE PLAYING THE NEW YORK YANKEES! THERE HE MET AN OLD FRIEND, YANKEE COACH JOHN SCHULTE!**

I'VE GOT A GREAT CATCHING PROSPECT ON MY LEGION TEAM, JOHN! YOU'VE GOT A DAY OFF TOMORROW! COME OVER AND TAKE A LOOK AT HIM!

O.K., BROWNE, I'LL BE THERE!

HE'S NOT BAD, BROWNE! WHAT'S HIS NAME?

LARRY BERRA! BUT THE BOYS CALL HIM YOGI BECAUSE HE LOOKS SO FUNNY SQUATTING BEHIND THE PLATE!

**W**EEKS PASSED AND YOGI THOUGHT, LIKE HIS BROTHERS, HE WAS DOOMED TO WORK IN SOME SHOP OR STORE, INSTEAD OF PLAYING BASEBALL, THE GAME HE LOVED! THEN .....

O.O.O.OO! PA!

PA! THE YANKS WANT TO SIGN ME! THEY'RE SENDING ME A CHECK FOR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS!

WHAT?

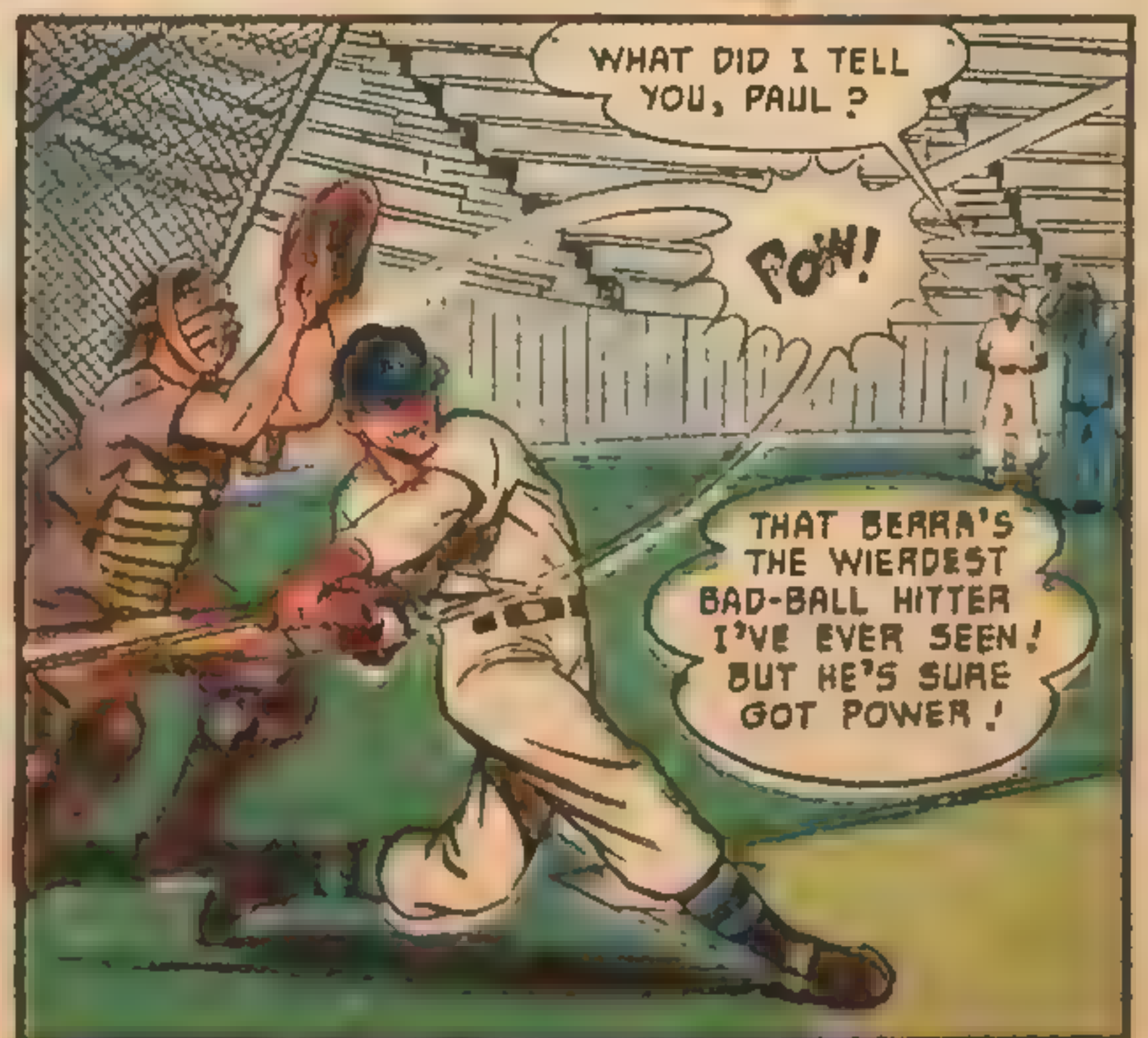
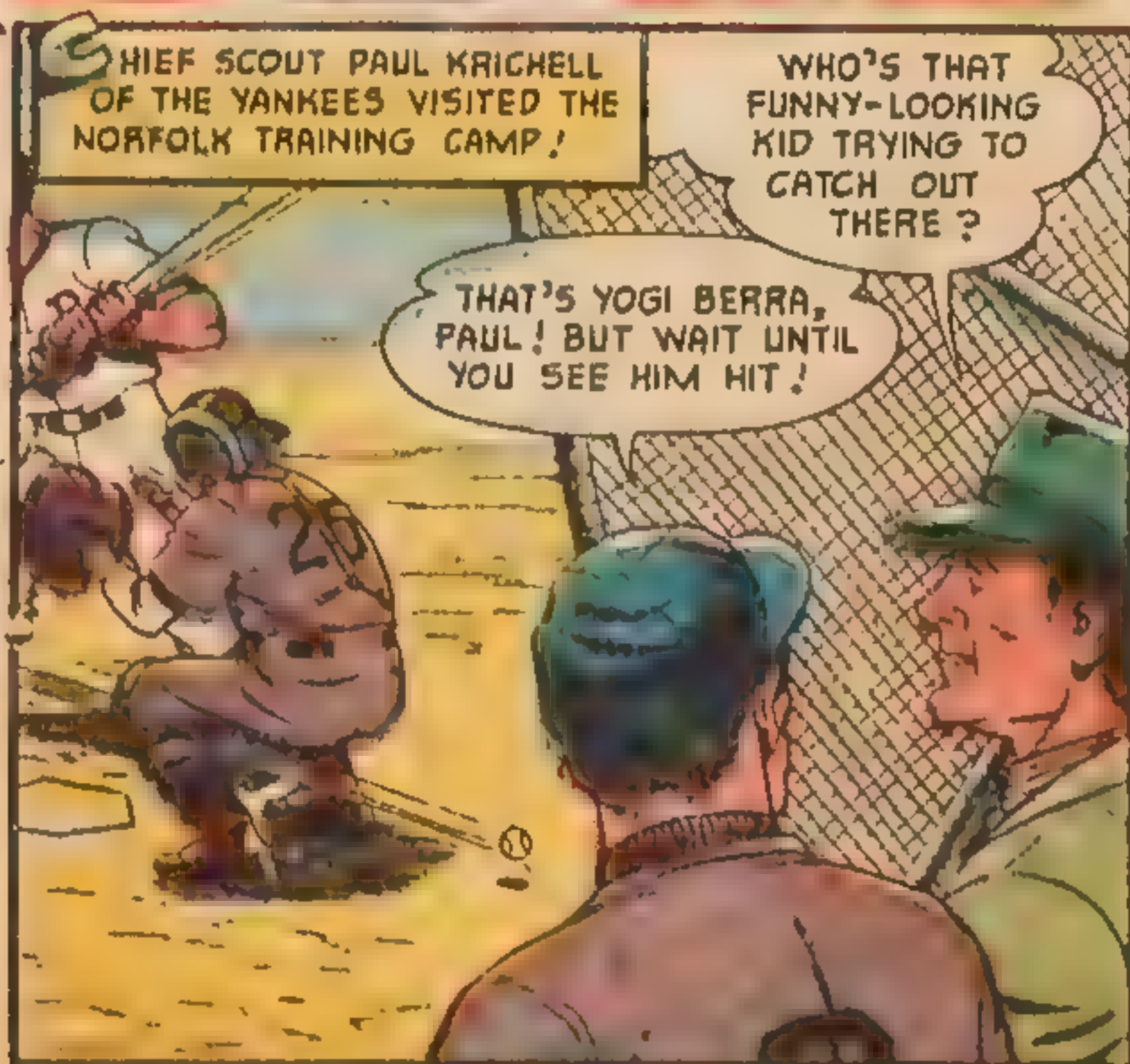
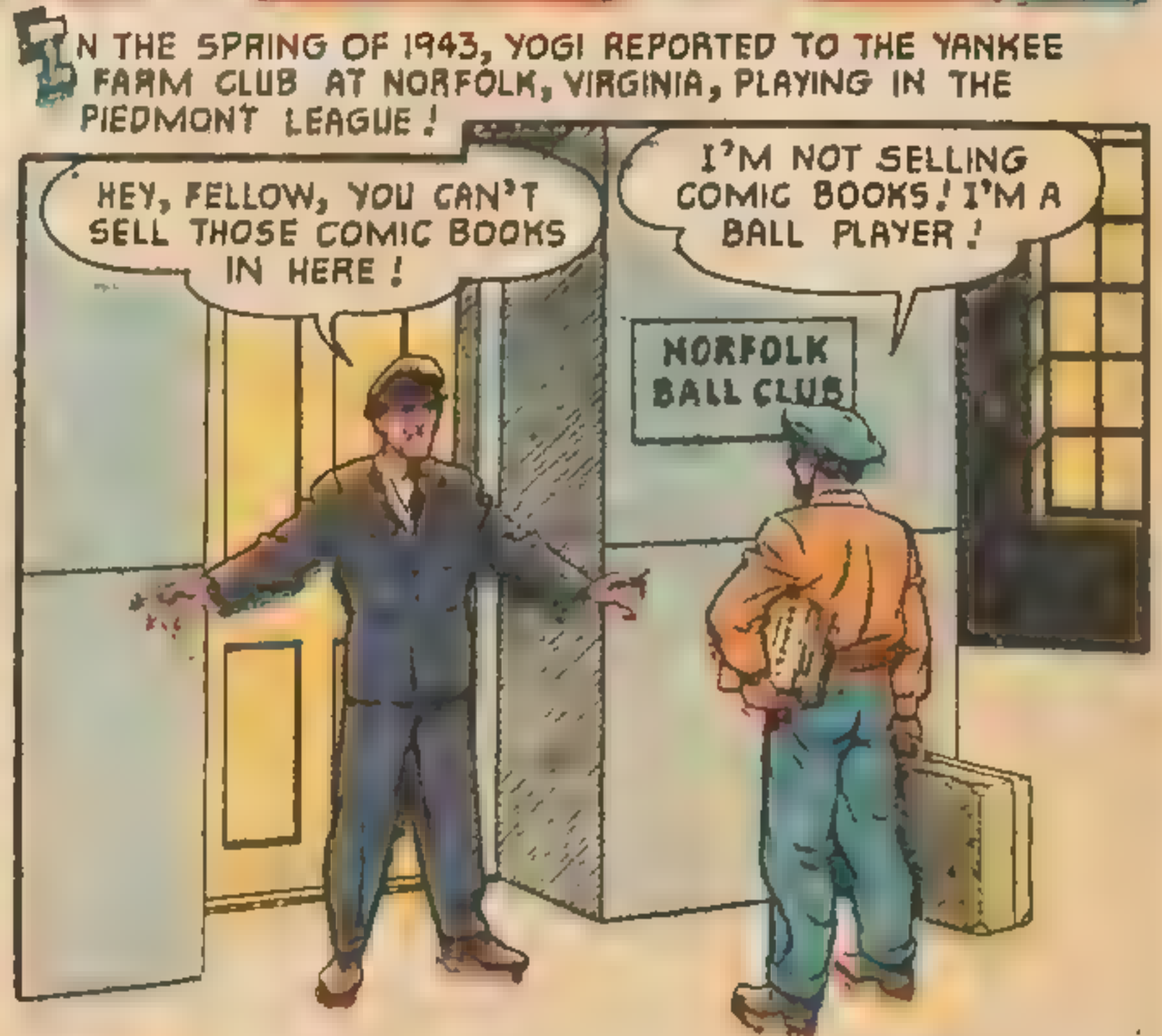
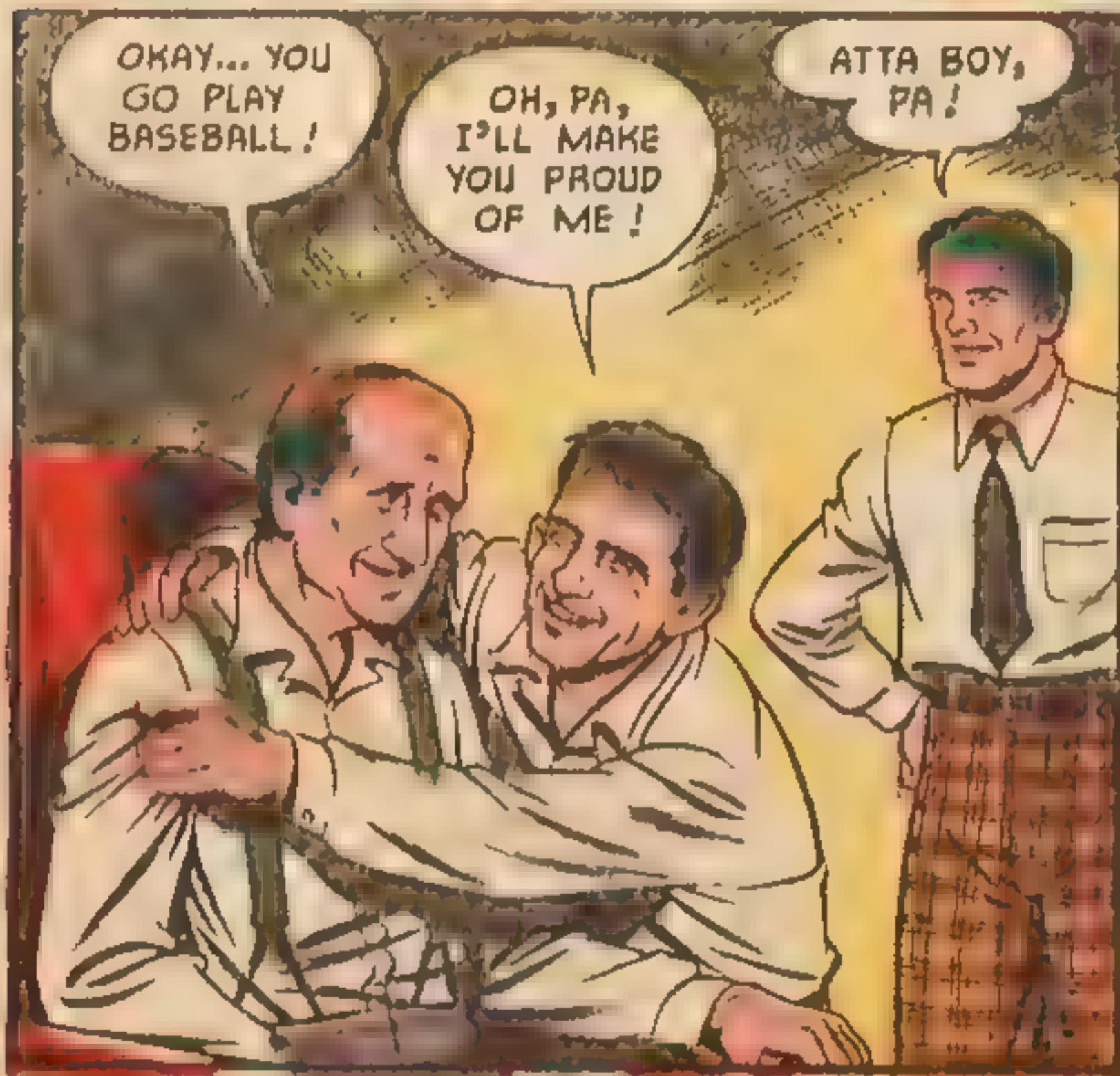
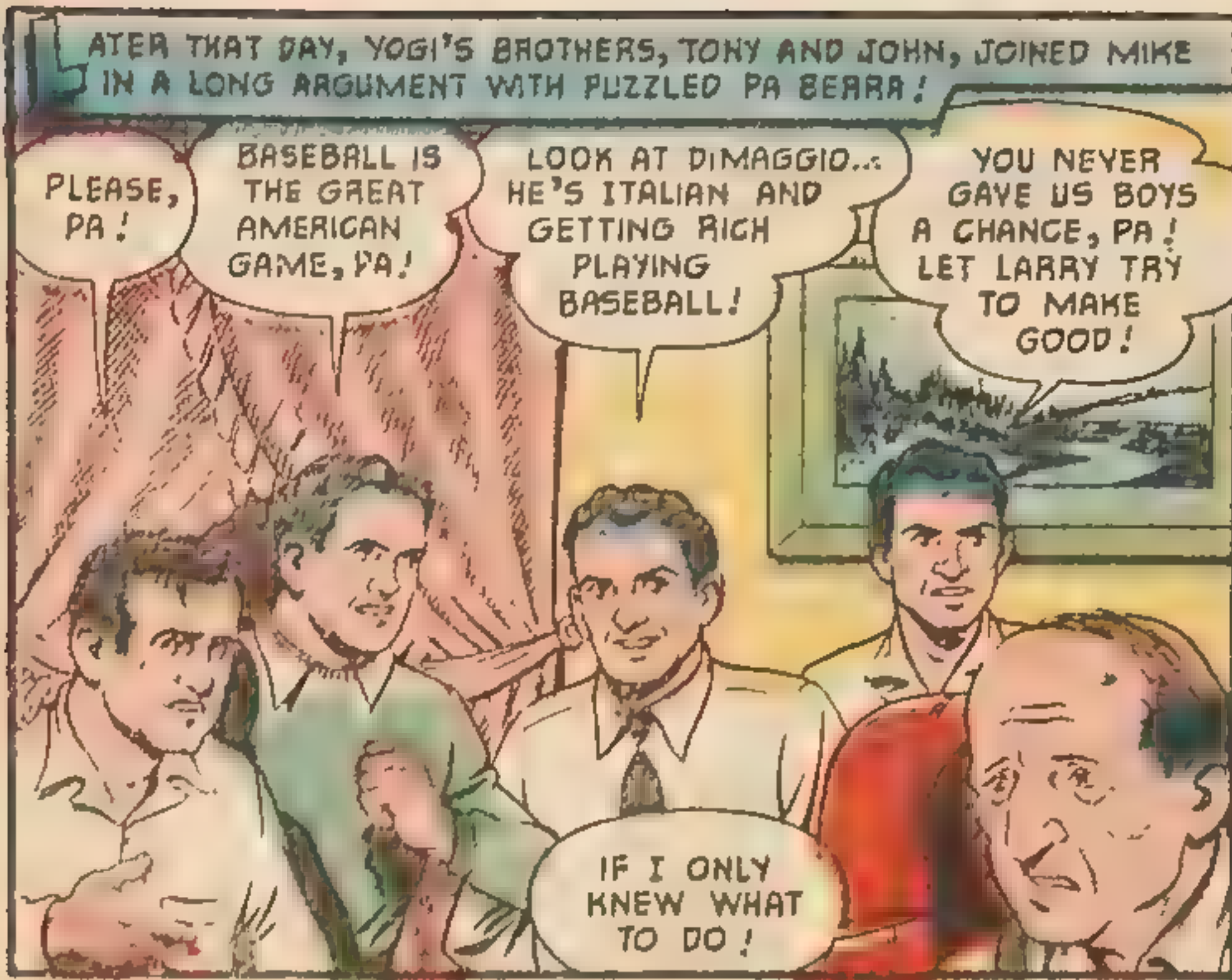
NO, LARRY! THAT BASEBALL IS NO WAY TO MAKE MONEY! YOU WORK LIKE ME AND YOUR BROTHERS!

BUT, PA...

TAKE IT EASY, LARRY! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



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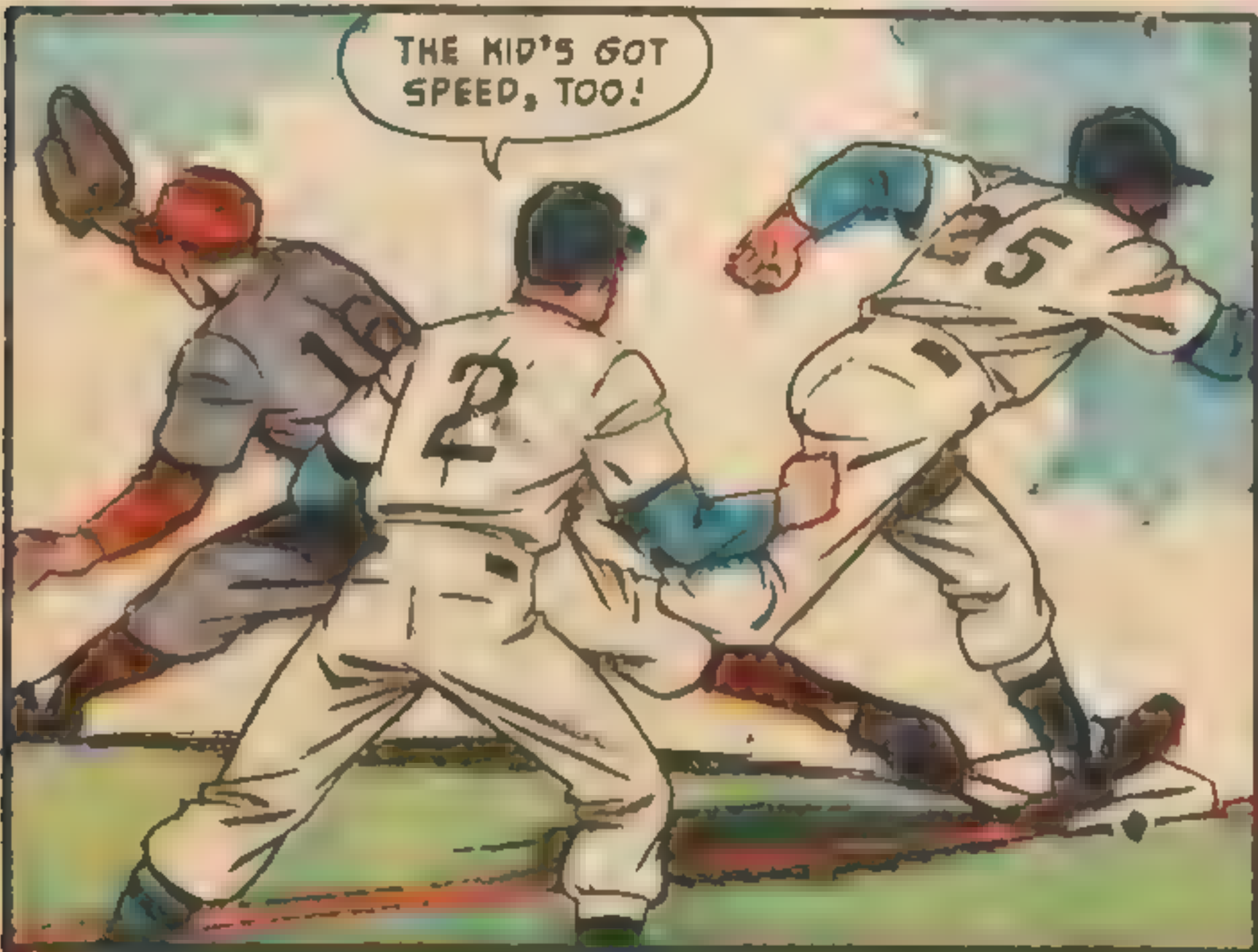
**A**ND YOGI DID HAVE POWER!!  
IN HIS FIRST TIME AT BAT, IN A  
PROFESSIONAL GAME AGAINST  
ROANOKE, YOGI SMASHED A HOME  
RUN WITH THE BASES FULL!



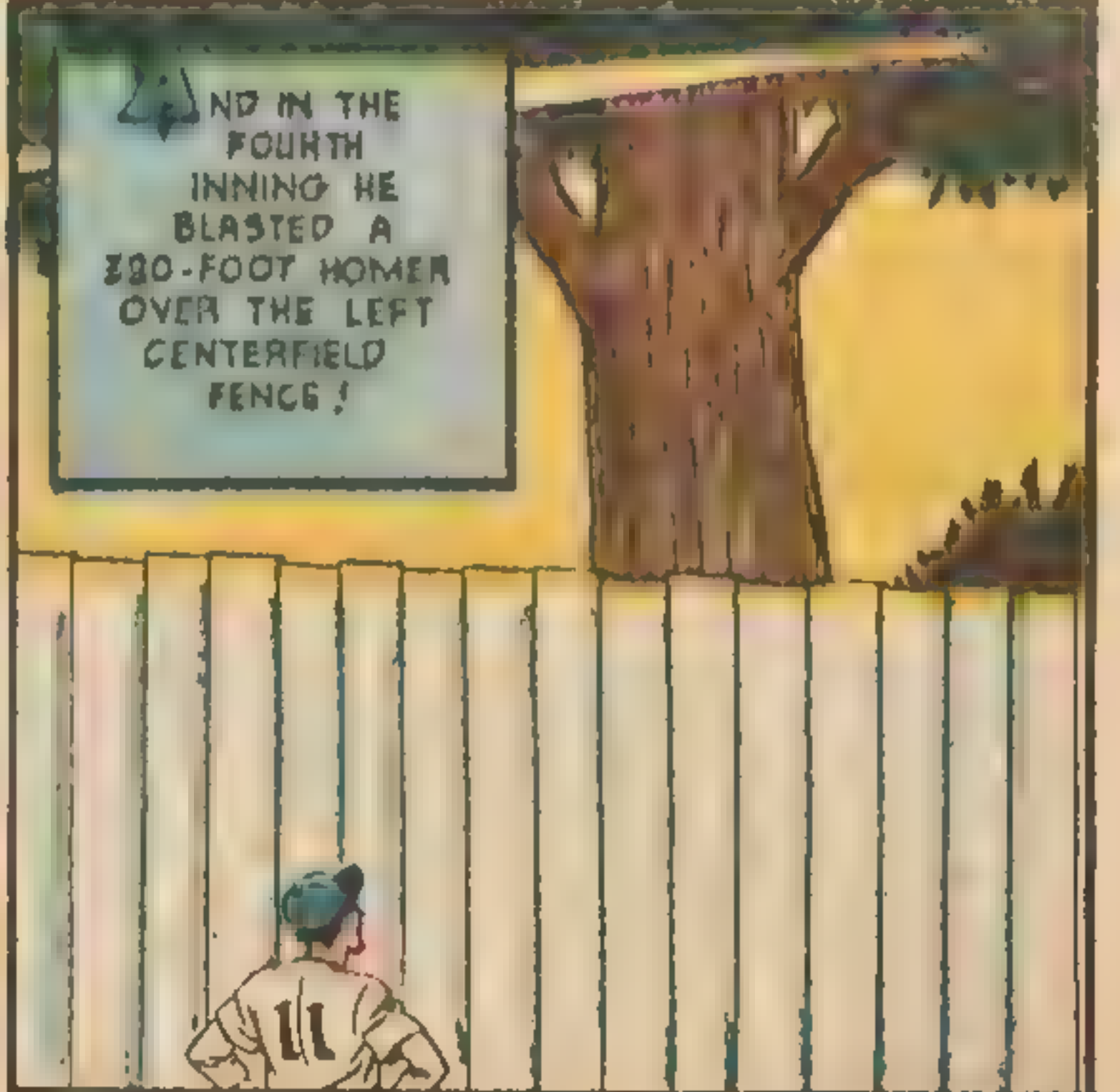
**I**N THE FIFTH INNING YOGI SOCKED A LOW LINER TO  
DEEP LEFT FIELD FOR A TRIPLE, SENDING HOME  
TWO MORE RUNS! THEN HE SINGLED TWICE AND  
DOUBLED TWICE FOR A GAME TOTAL OF SIX HITS IN  
SIX TRIPS TO THE PLATE!



**T**HE LITTLE SQUATTER OPENED THE NEXT GAME WITH HIS  
SEVENTH STRAIGHT HIT, BEATING OUT A BUNT!



**A**ND IN THE  
FOURTH  
INNING HE  
BLASTED A  
280-FOOT HOMER  
OVER THE LEFT  
CENTERFIELD  
FENCE!



**Y**OGI SOCKED TWO MORE SINGLES, A TRIPLE - AND THEN, IN THE  
NINTH, HE BLASTED A TERRIFIC DRIVE TO DEEP CENTER, SPRINT-  
ING AROUND THE BASES FOR AN INSIDE THE PARK HOME RUN!



**I**N TWO DAYS YOGI MADE TWELVE HITS, THREE HOMERS, TWO TRIPLES  
AND TWO DOUBLES, DRIVING IN TWENTY-THREE RUNS!

HOW DO YOU DO IT,  
YOGI?

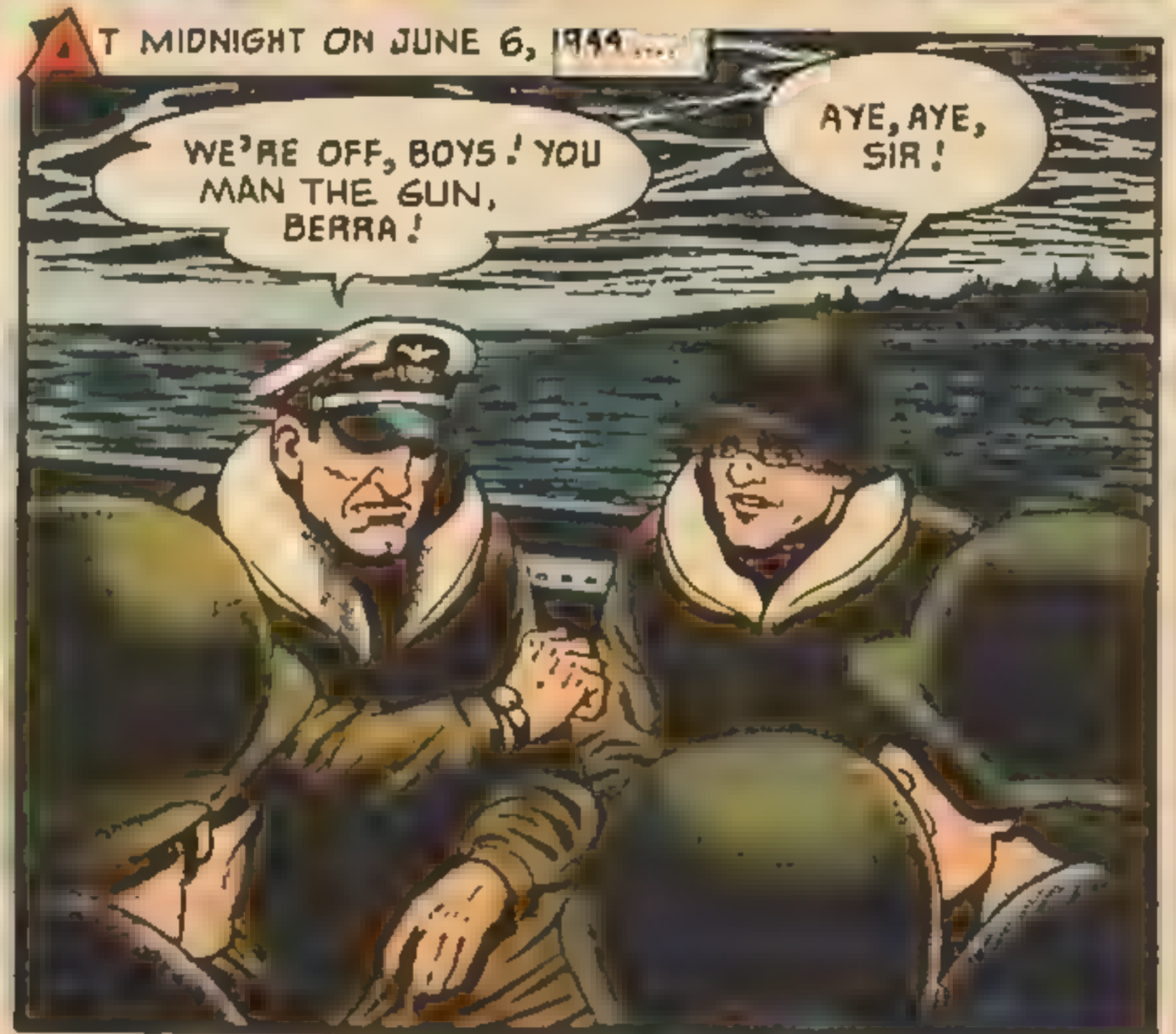
I DUNNO! I JUST  
SWING AND...  
WHAM!





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**P**IEDMONT LEAGUE PITCHERS SOON LEARNED THAT YOGI WOULD SWING HIS BAT AT ANY PITCH, WHETHER OVER HIS HEAD OR IN THE DIRT! HIS AVERAGE FOR THE SEASON WAS .253! BUT HE HAD SOCKED MANY LONG DRIVES FOR A .397 SLUGGING MARK AND WAS PROMOTED BY THE YANKEES TO THE KANSAS CITY BLUES THAT FALL!





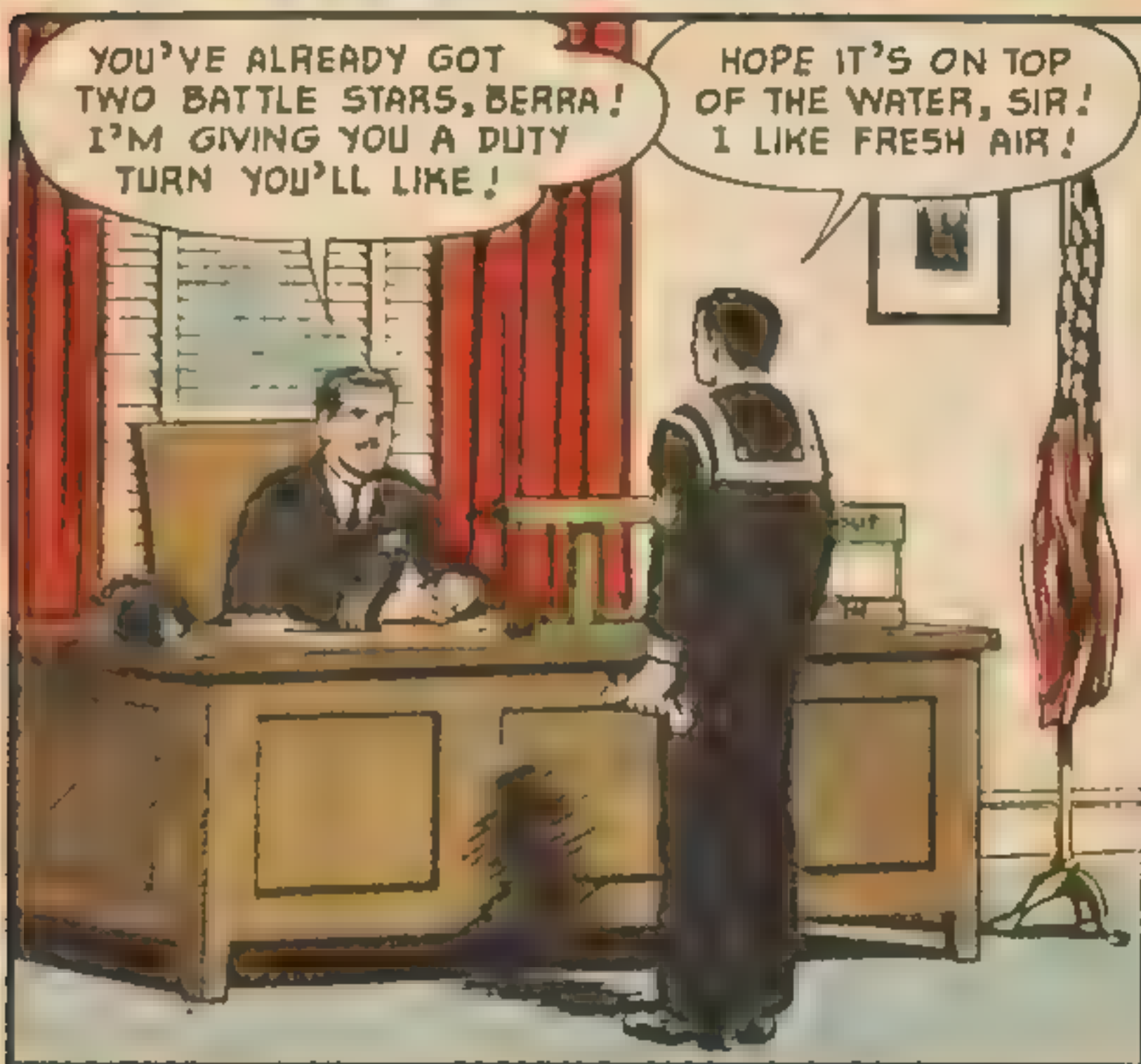
# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO



**Y**OGI'S SQUAD JOINED IN THE GENERAL ASSAULT ON THE NORMANDY BEACHEAD!

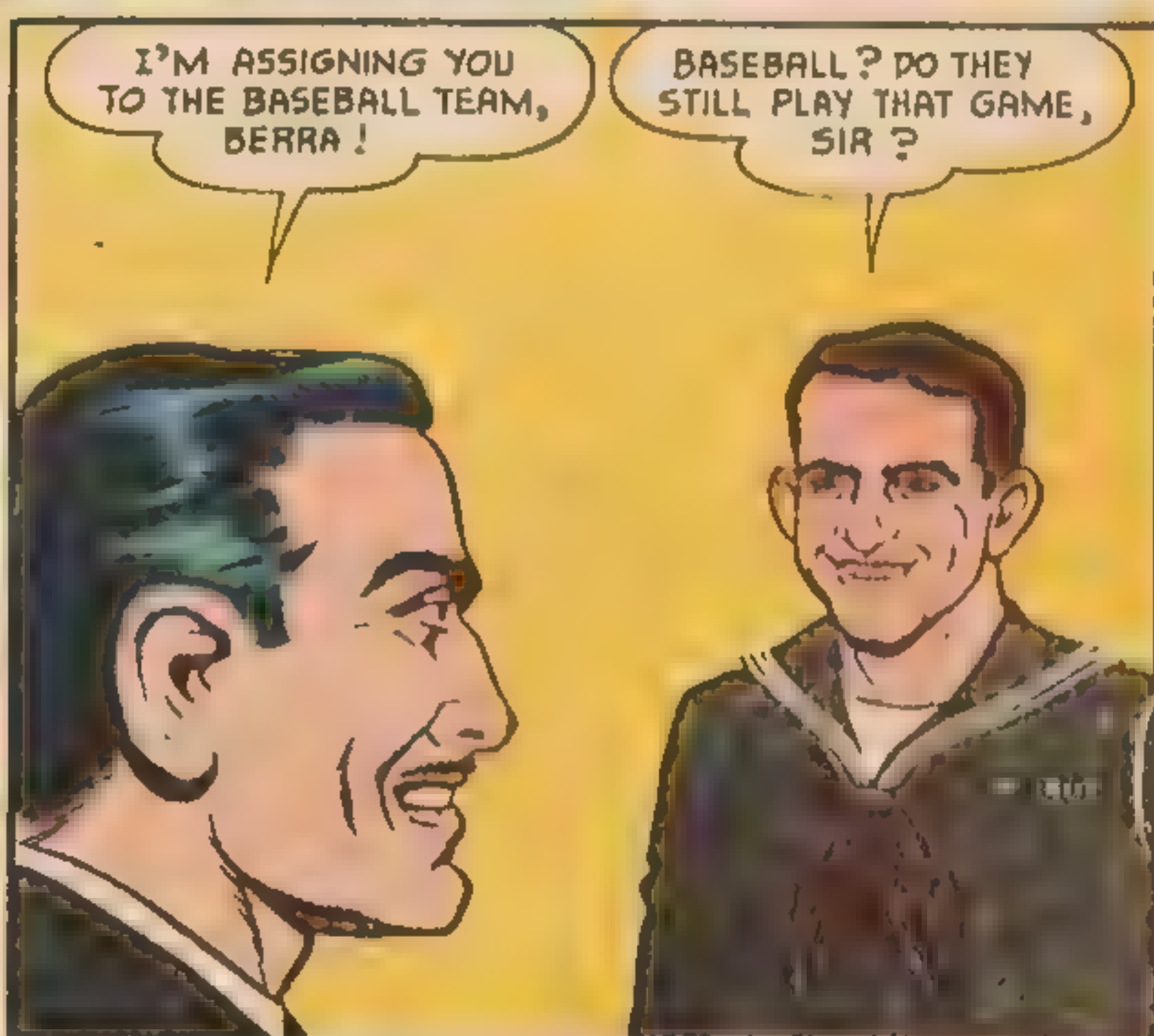
LET'S DRIVE 'EM BACK TO BERLIN, GANG!

**A**S THE GALLANT UNITED STATES ARMY ADVANCED INTO THE HEDGEROWS OF NORMANDY, YOGI RETURNED TO ENGLAND WITH HIS COMRADES! MONTHS LATER HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE STATES, ARRIVING AT THE NEW LONDON SUBMARINE BASE IN EARLY SPRING!



YOU'VE ALREADY GOT TWO BATTLE STARS, BERRA! I'M GIVING YOU A DUTY TURN YOU'LL LIKE!

HOPE IT'S ON TOP OF THE WATER, SIR! I LIKE FRESH AIR!



I'M ASSIGNING YOU TO THE BASEBALL TEAM, BERRA!

BASEBALL? DO THEY STILL PLAY THAT GAME, SIR?

**T**HRILLED TO BE BACK ON THE DIAMOND, YOGI, WITH THE POWERFUL NEW LONDON TEAM, SOCKED HITS ALL OVER THE FIELD! IN AN EXHIBITION GAME WITH THE NEW YORK GIANTS .....



CAN'T GET THAT ROOKIE OUT!



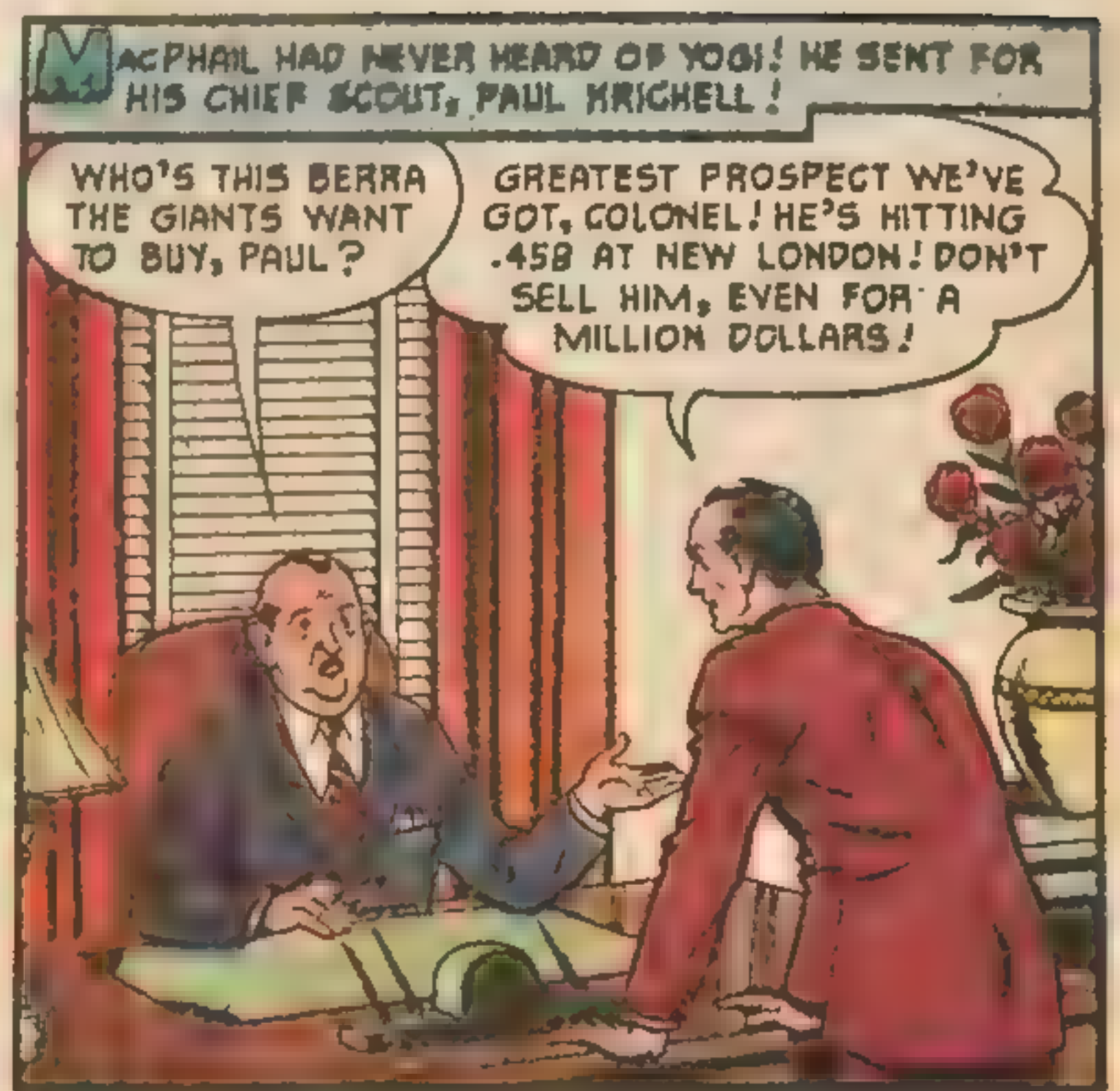
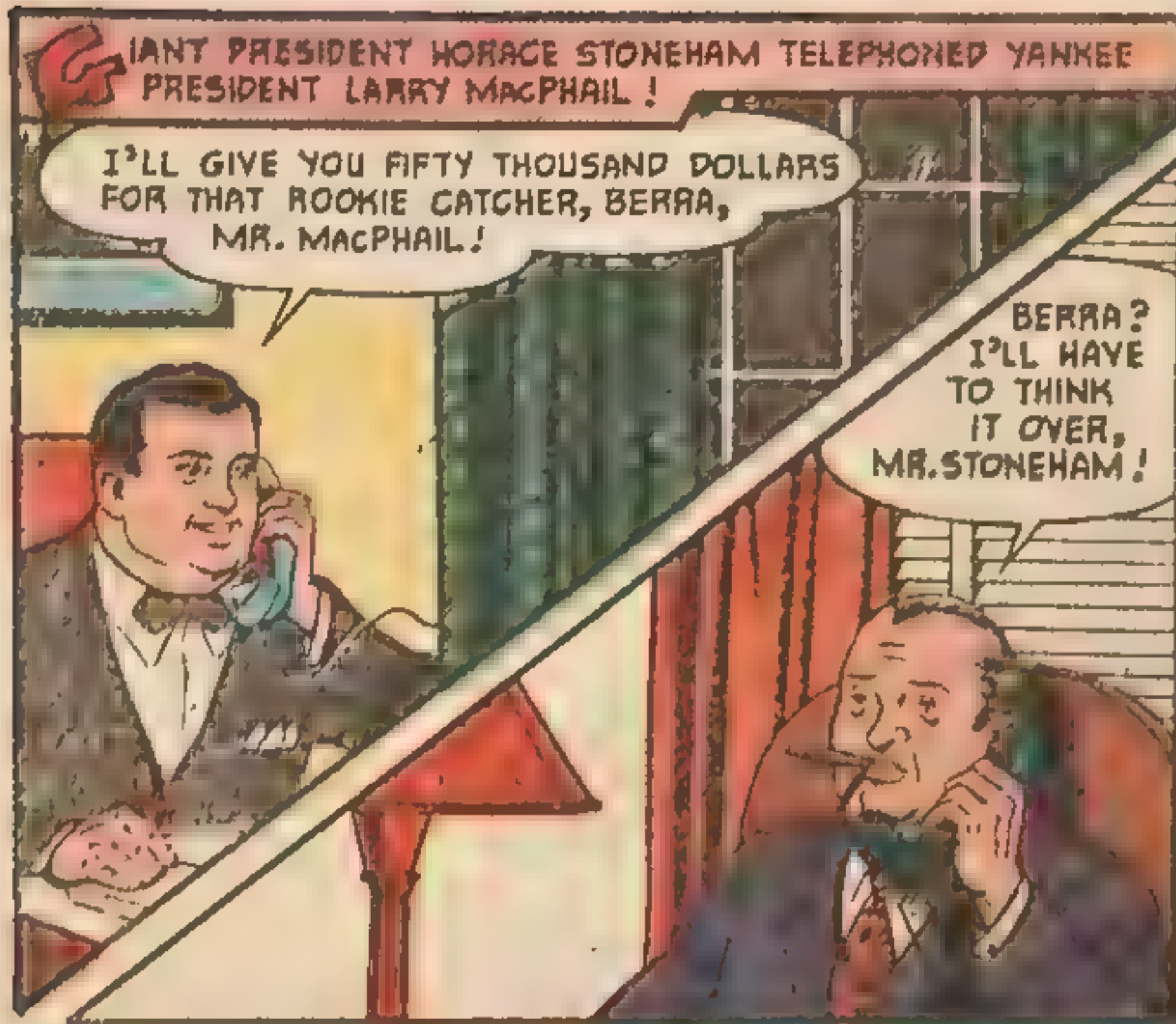
**G**IANT MANAGER MEL OTT WAS IMPRESSED BY YOGI'S BATTING POWER!

WHO'S THAT SLUGGING YOUNG CATCHER ON YOUR TEAM?

THAT'S SEAMAN FIRST CLASS LARRY BERRA, MEL! HE'S SORT OF WET BEHIND THE EARS, BUT HE SURE CAN HIT!



# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO



**T**HE WAR ENDED AND YOGI AGAIN BECAME A CIVILIAN! IN THE SPRING OF 1946, HE REPORTED TO THE FLORIDA CAMP OF THE NEWARK BEARS, YANKEE FARM CLUB! HE HIT FIERCELY DURING TRAINING AND WAS BATTING .450 WHEN THE BEARS MET THE MONTREAL ROYALS IN MAY! ROYALS' MANAGER CLAY HOPPER MET HIS COACHES BEFORE THE FIRST GAME!



**T**HE ROYALS' INFIELD WENT INTO THE WILLIAMS' SHIFT WHENEVER YOGI BATTED THAT DAY—BUT HE CROSSED THEM UP!



**Y**OGI WAS HAVING THE TIME OF HIS LIFE! ON THE ROAD HE SAW MOVIES TWICE A DAY, AND THE MARX BROTHERS' "A NIGHT IN CASABLANCA" IN EVERY CITY IN THE LEAGUE!





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**A**ND YOGI COULD NOW BUY AS MANY OF HIS FAVORITE COMIC BOOKS AS HE PLEASED!

I'LL TAKE ALL THOSE COMICS!

ALL OF THEM?

**B**UT YOGI WAS STILL AN AWKWARD CATCHER!

OW!

FOUL BALLS BROKE HIS HAND AND WRIST DURING THE 1946 SEASON! BUT HE CAUGHT 23 OF 34 RUNNERS WHO TRIED TO STEAL ON HIM!

**H**OWEVER, YOGI WAS STILL A TERROR AT BAT!

**A**ND HE RAN BASES LIKE A STEAM LOCOMOTIVE!

SAFE!

OW-W-W!!

**S**PIKED IN THE HAND WHILE SLIDING INTO BASE, YOGI WAS OUT OF PLAY FOR A WEEK!

**W**HEN THE SEASON ENDED, YANKEE PRESIDENT MACPHAIL STUDIED YOGI'S RECORD!

SEND FOR BERRA, AT ONCE!

1946 RECORD Yogi Berra	
Games	40
At Bat	217
R.H.B.	87
Doubles	14
Triples	1
Homers	3
Batting Ave	.314
Slugging Ave	.534

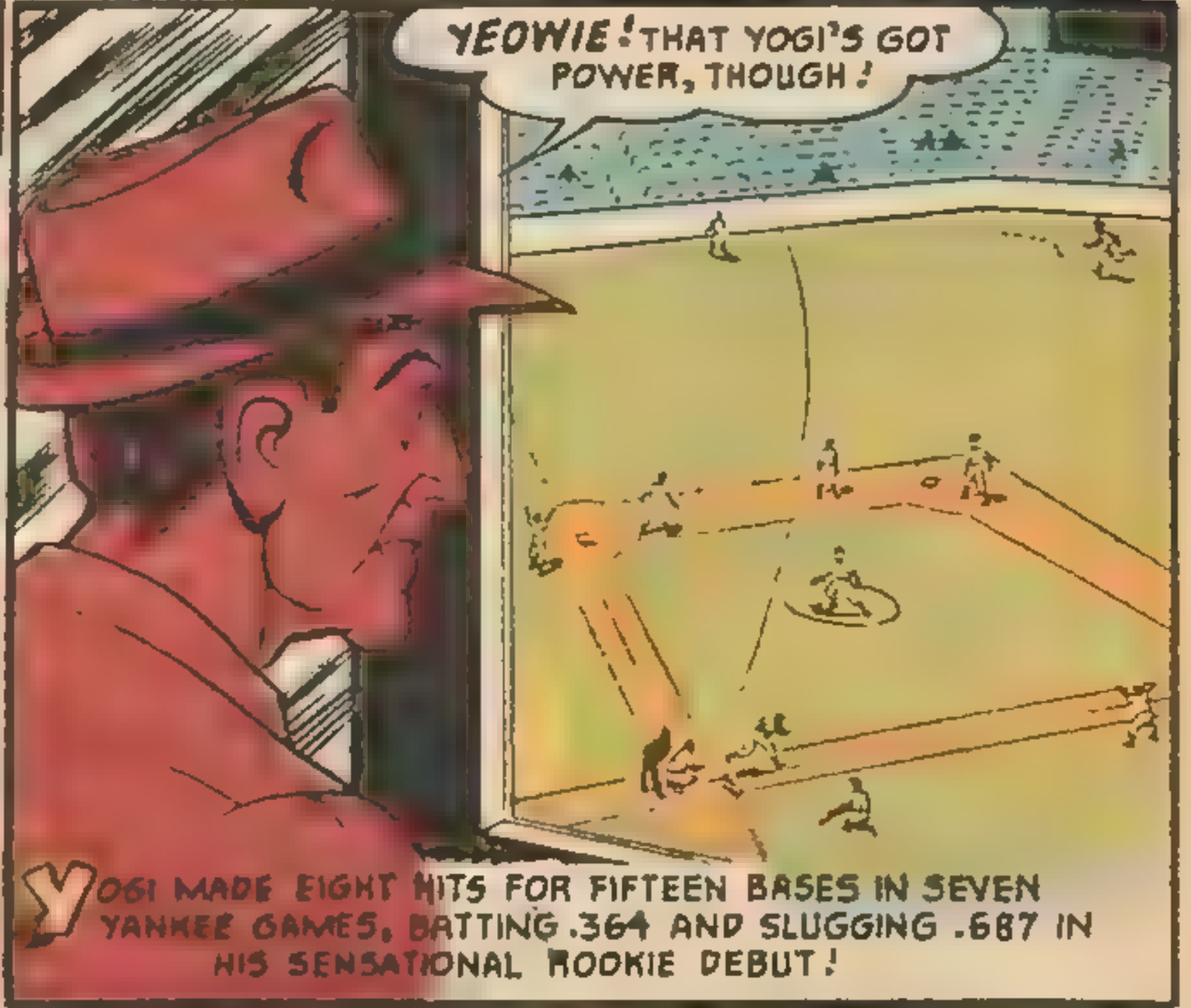
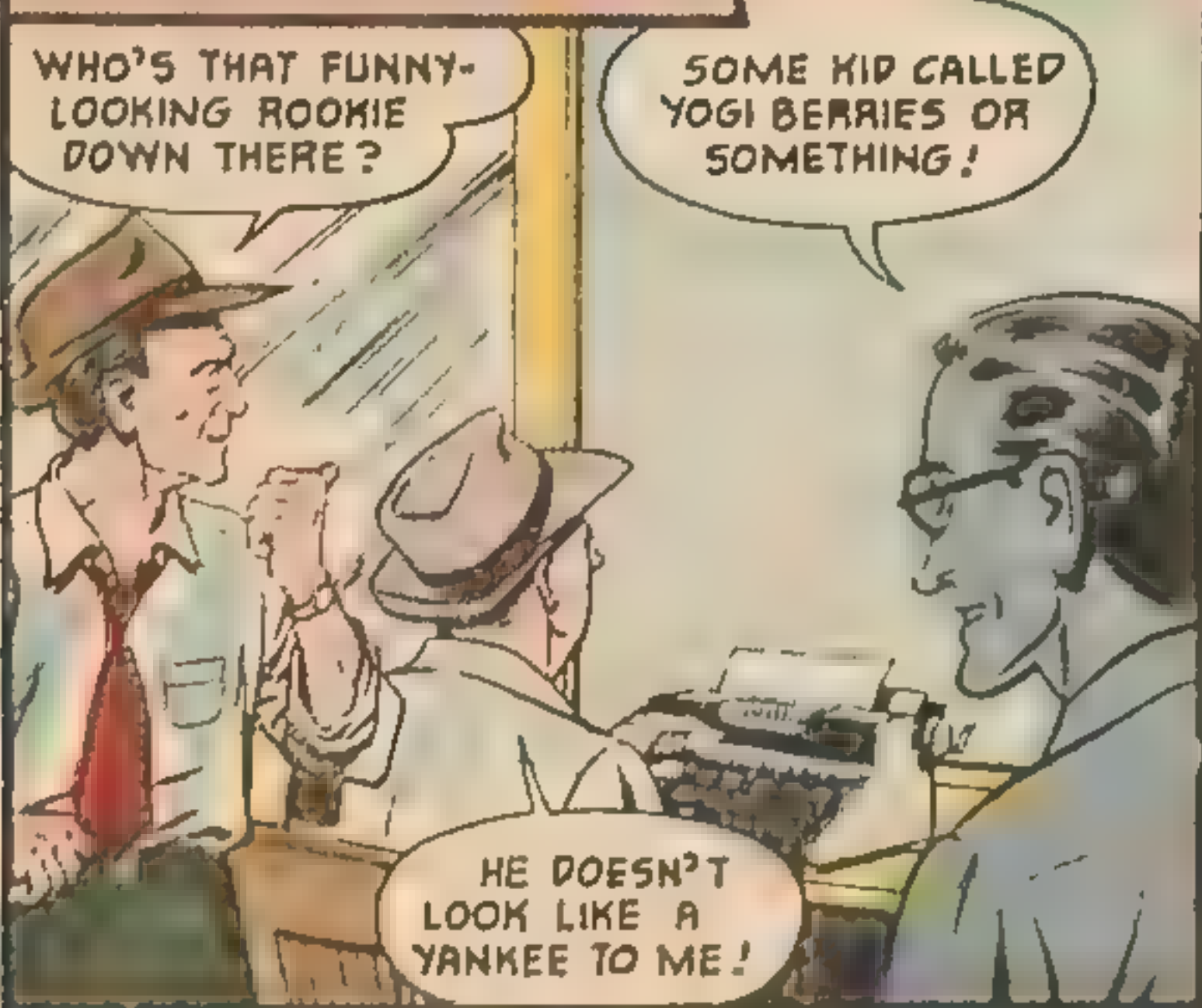
**A**ND THE VERY NEXT DAY....

I'M A YANKEE! WOW!

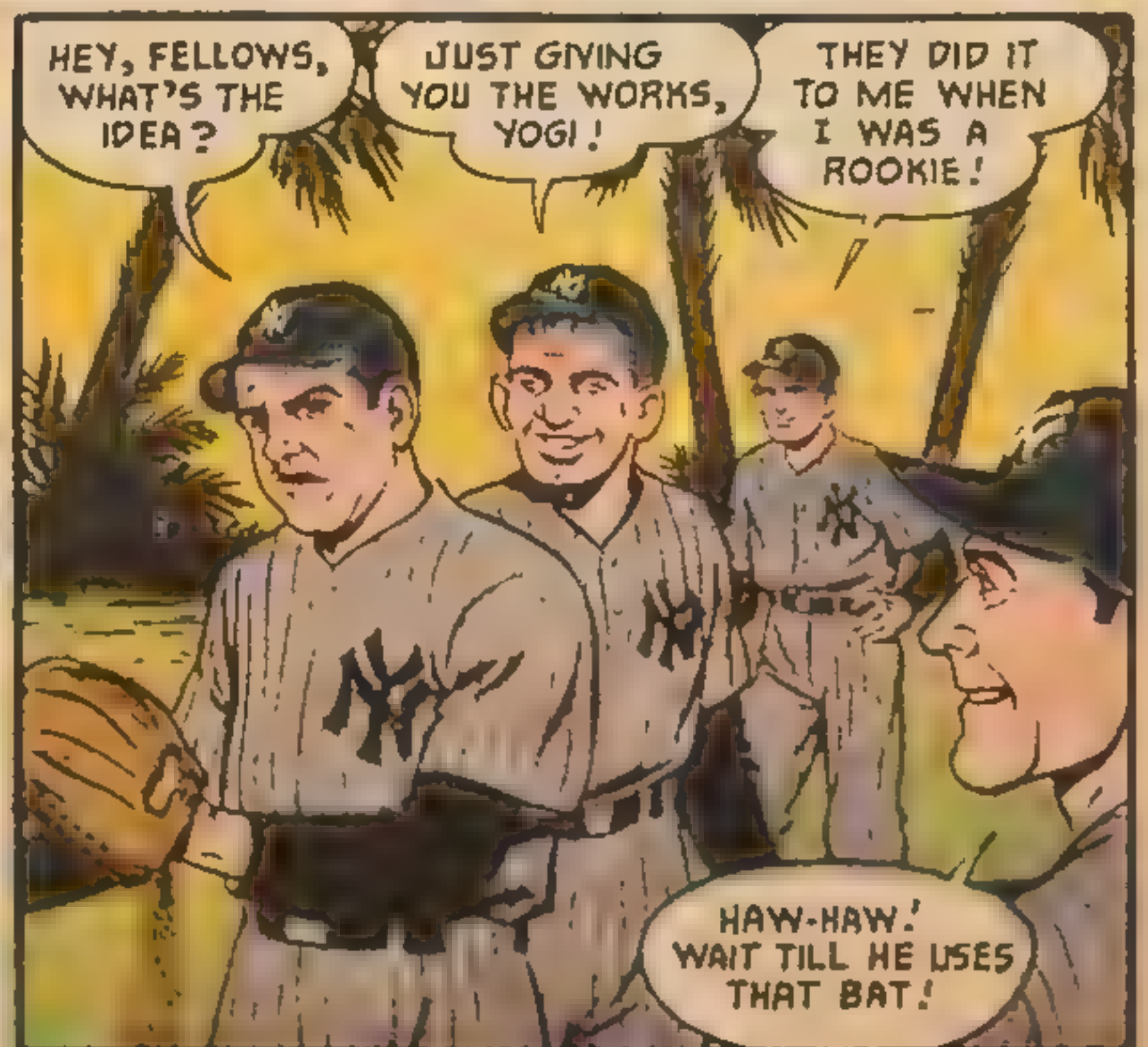
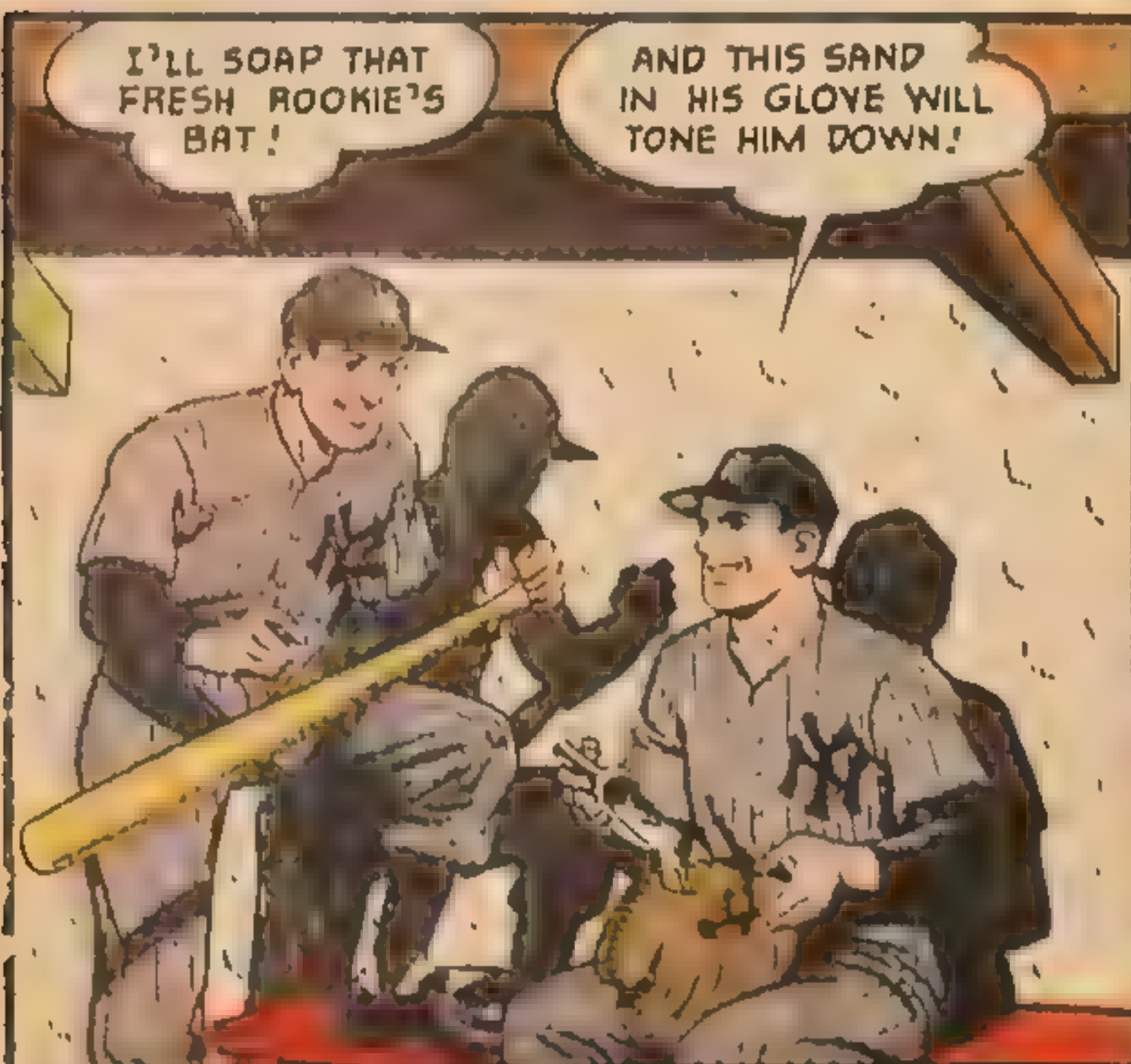
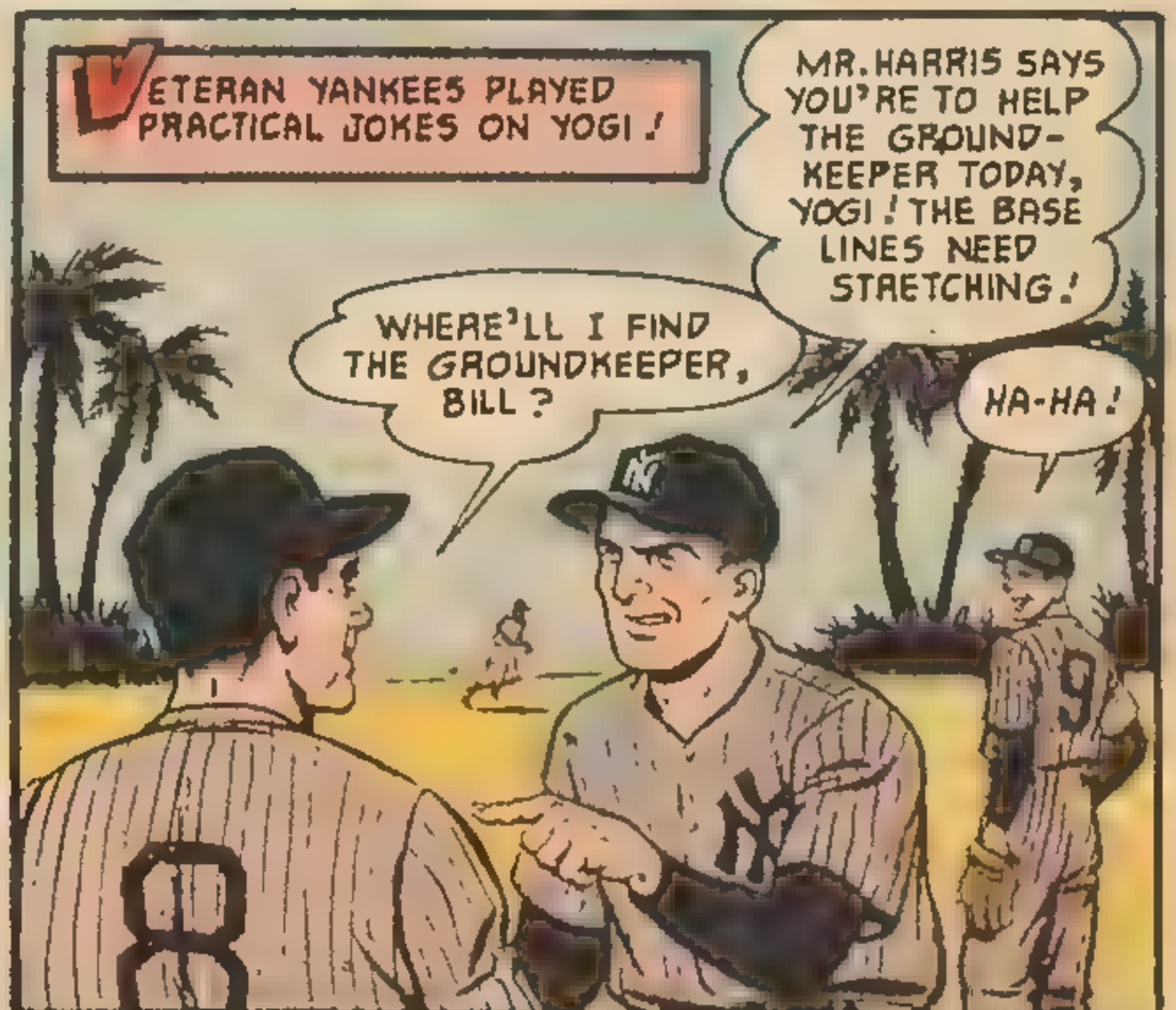
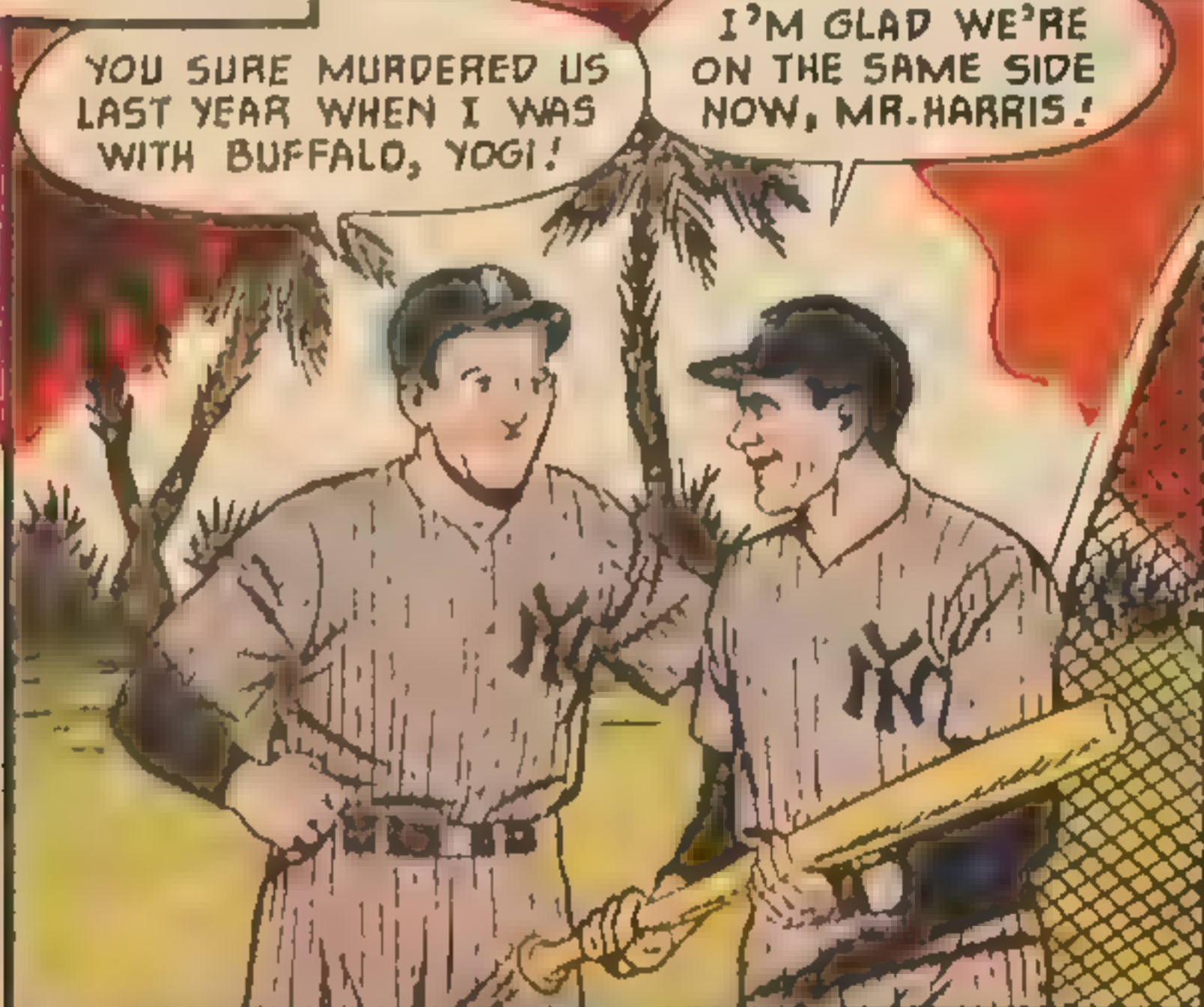


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THE YANKEES WERE FINISHING THEIR POOREST SEASON IN MANY YEARS THAT SEPTEMBER, AND SO FEW FANS SAW YOGI START HIS FIRST GAME IN THE MAJORS BEHIND THE BAT! IN THE PRESS BOX ....



WHEN YOGI REPORTED AT THE YANKS' ST. PETERSBURG CAMP IN 1947, HE MET HIS NEW MANAGER, BUCKY HARRIS!

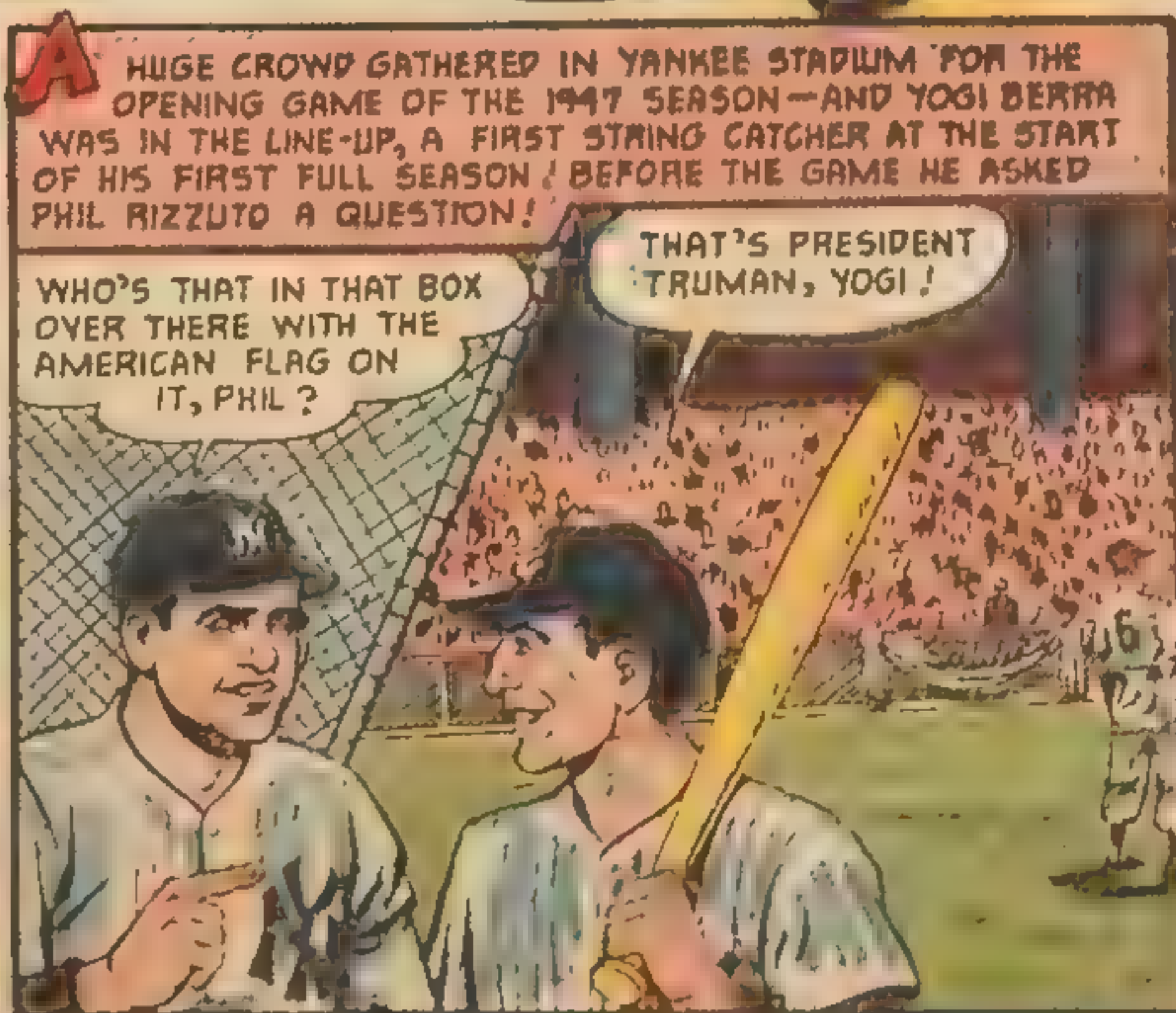
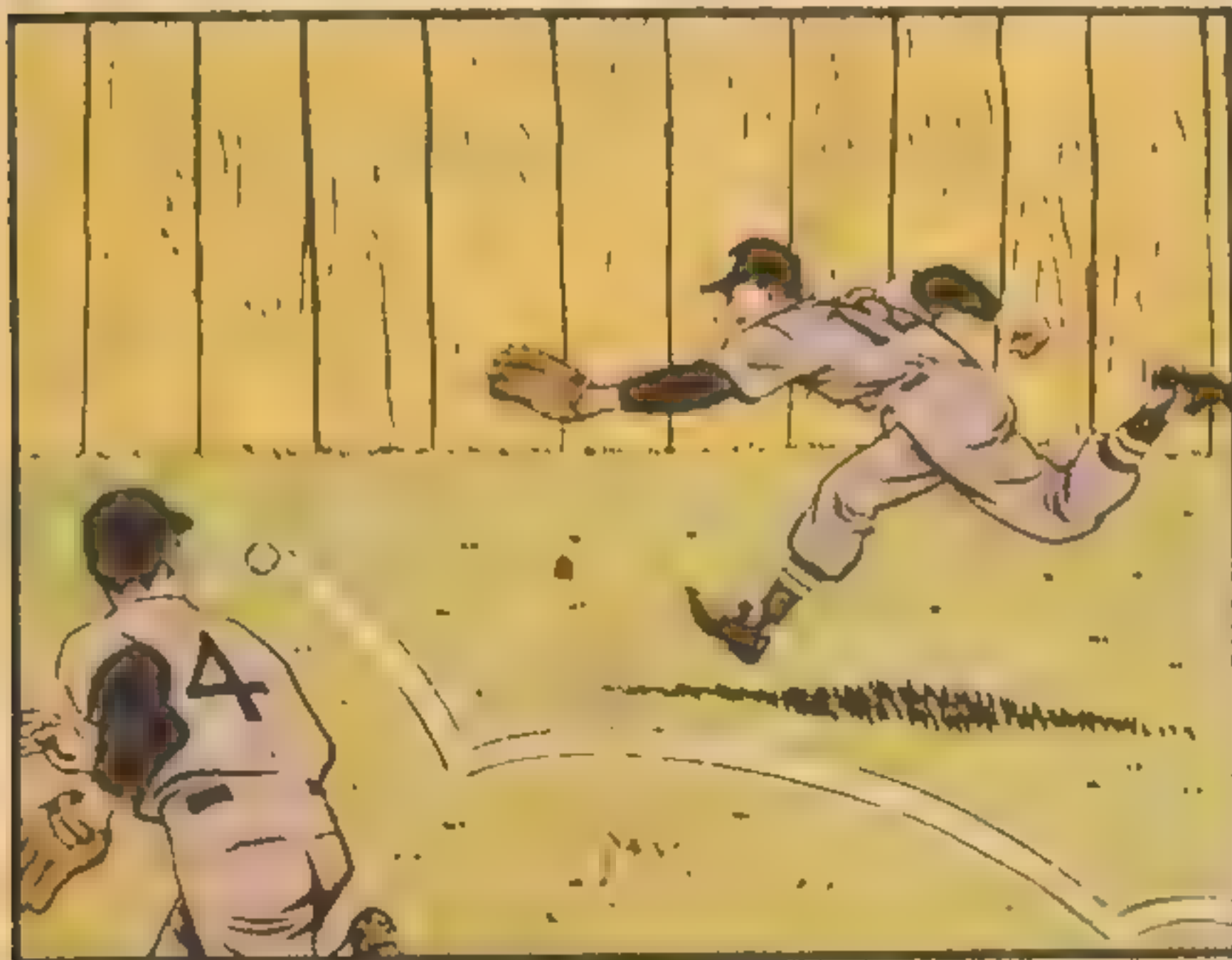




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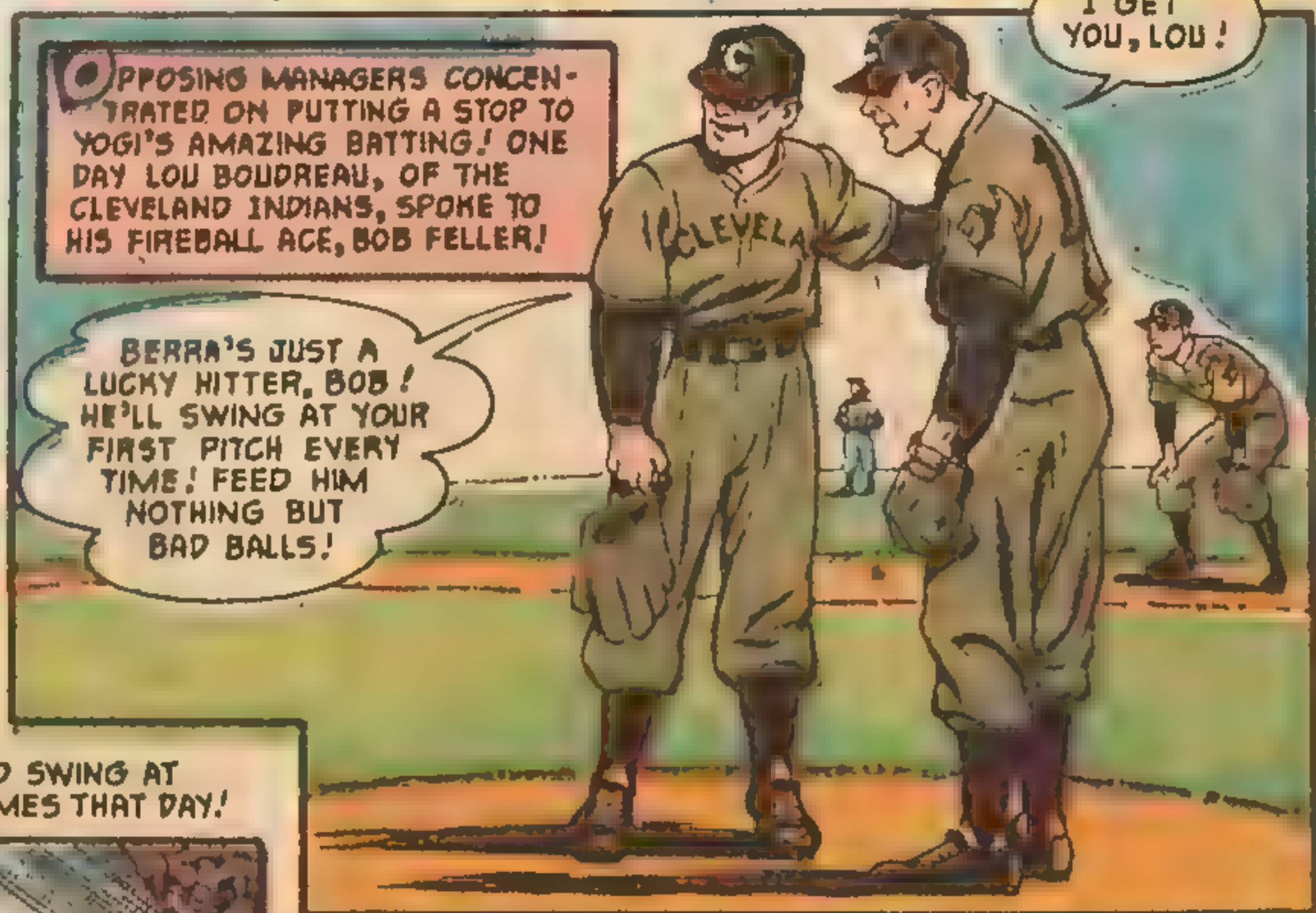
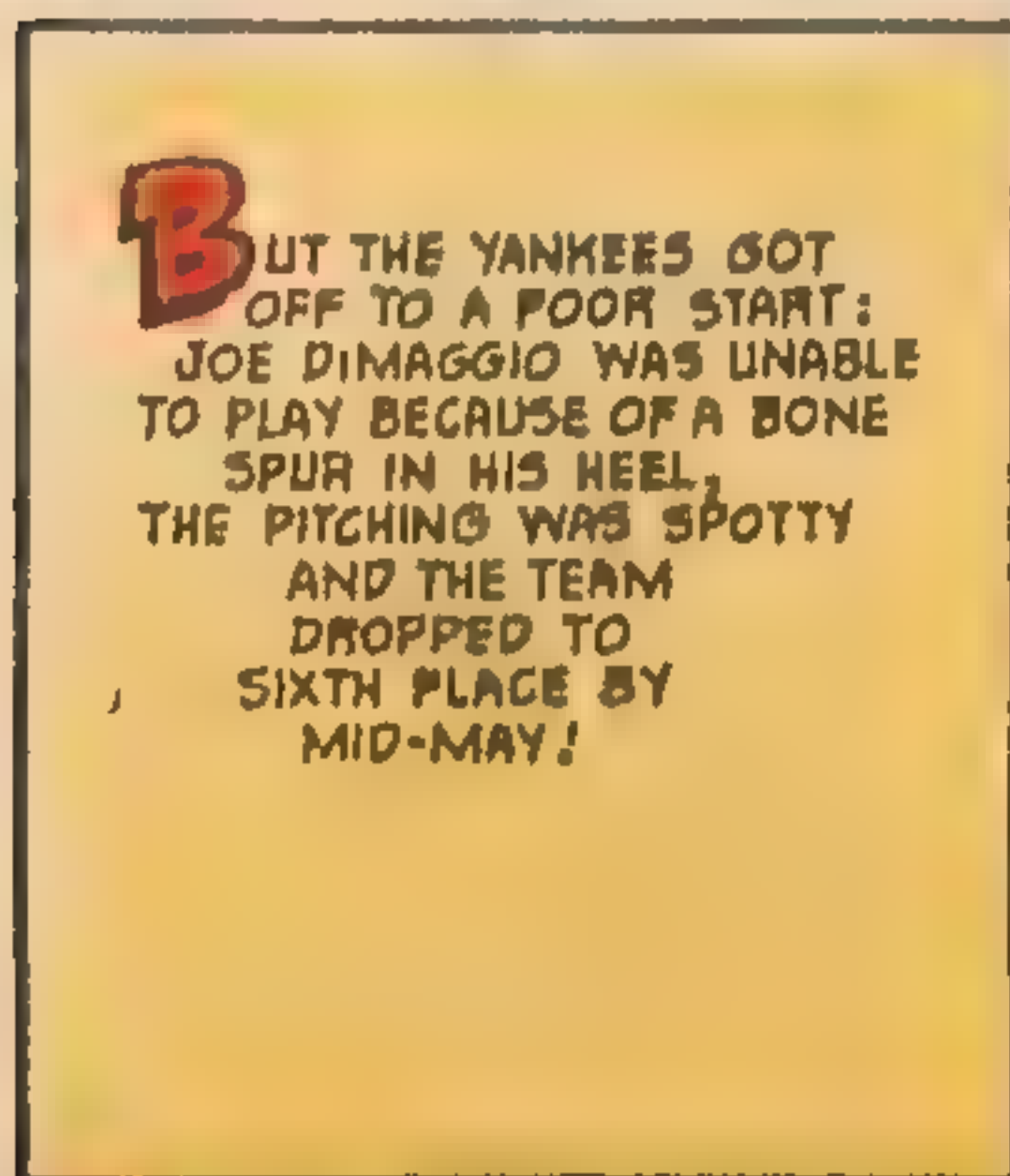
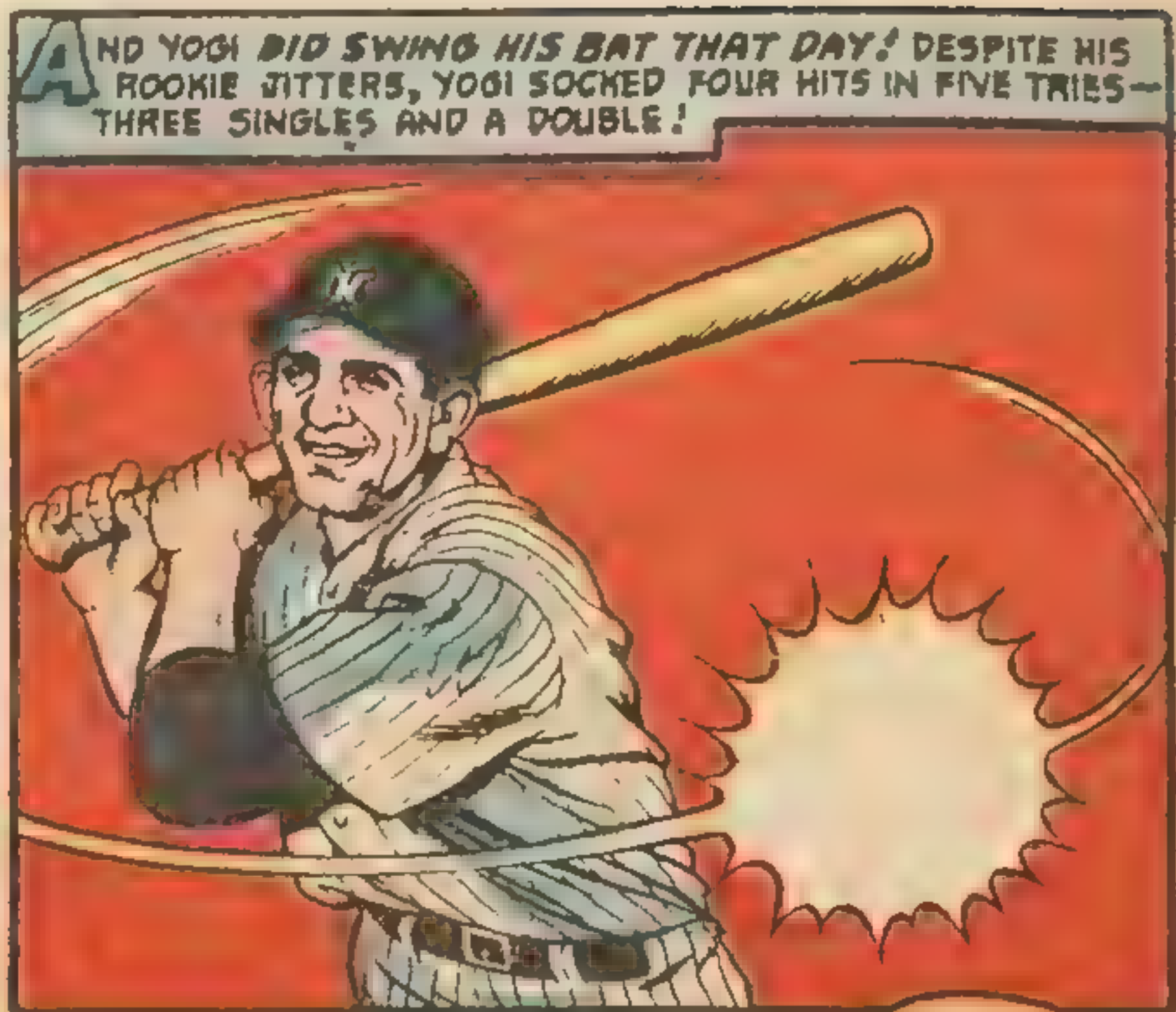


**I**N SPITE OF THE SOAPED BAT, YOGI CONNECTED FOR A BLOOPER BETWEEN LEFT AND CENTER! IT WENT FOR TWO BASES AND SCORED THREE RUNNERS!

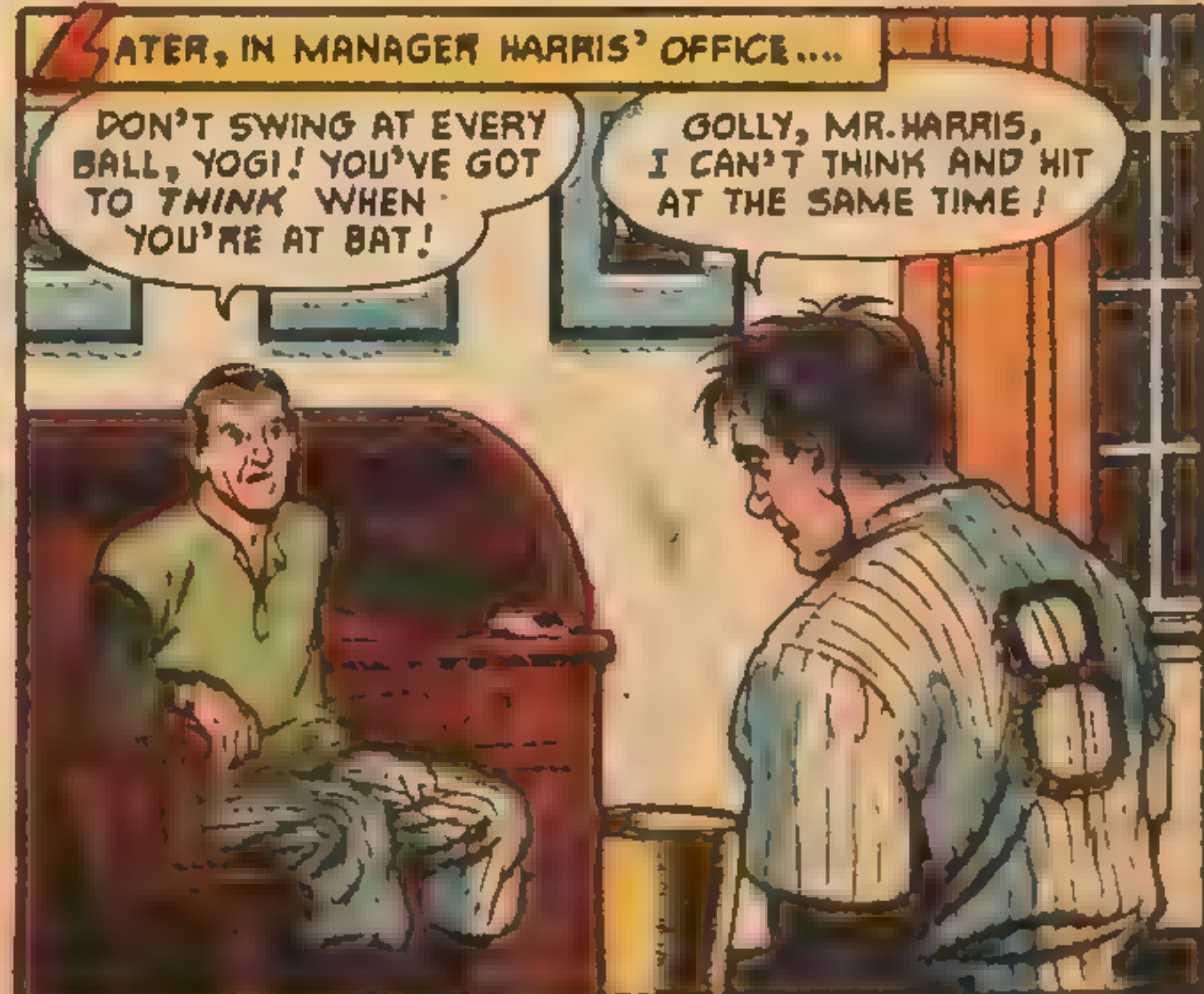




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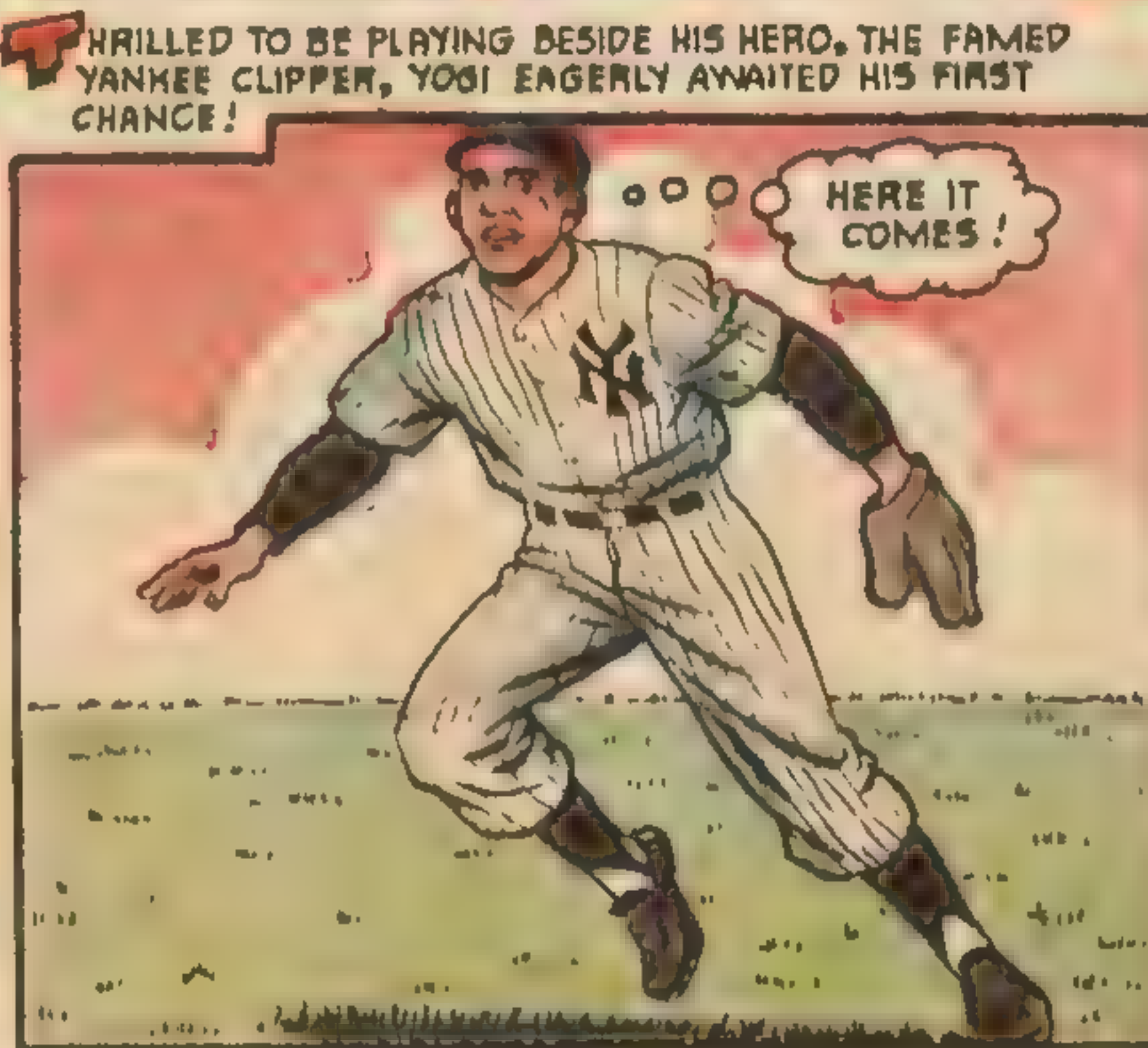
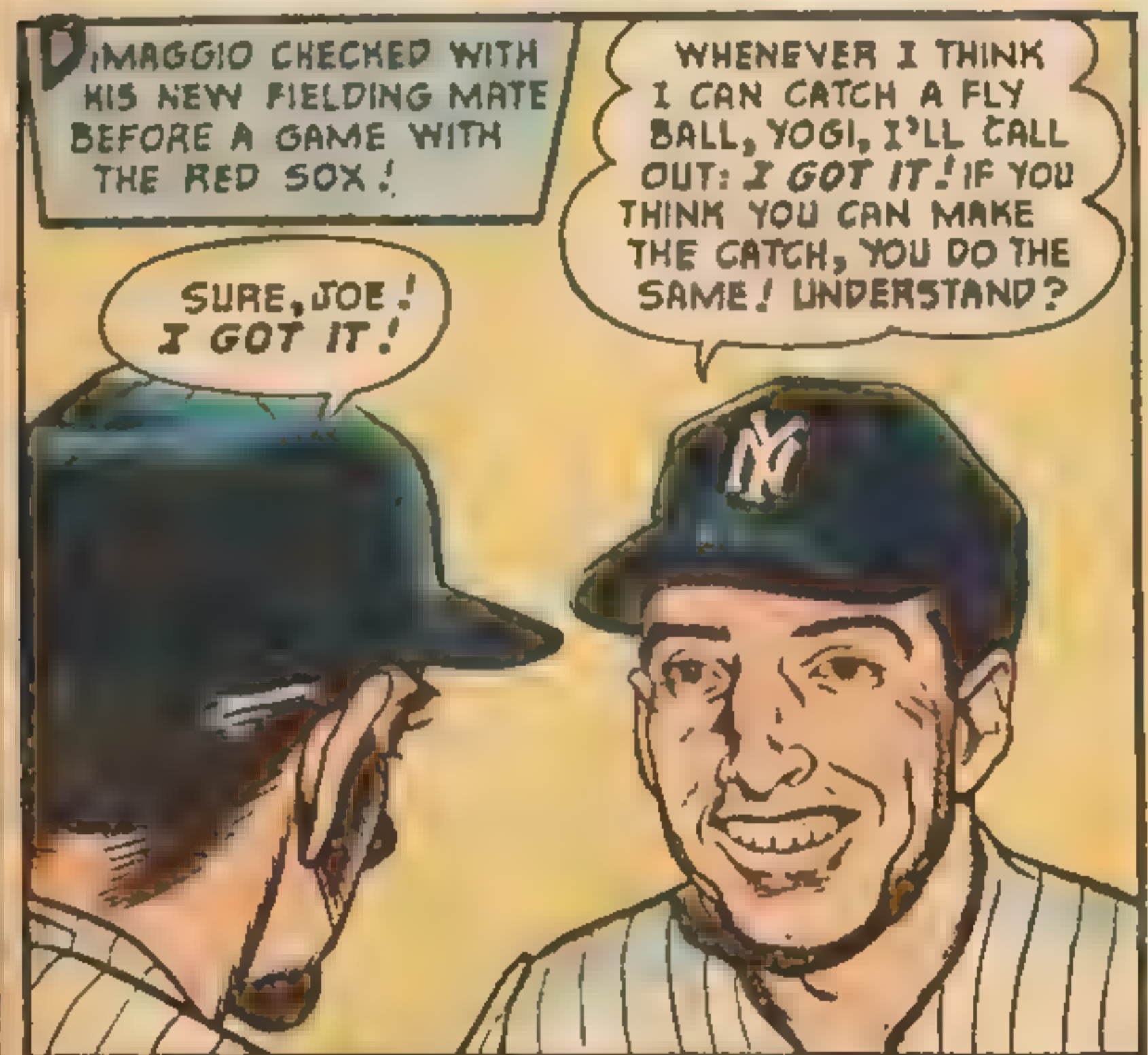
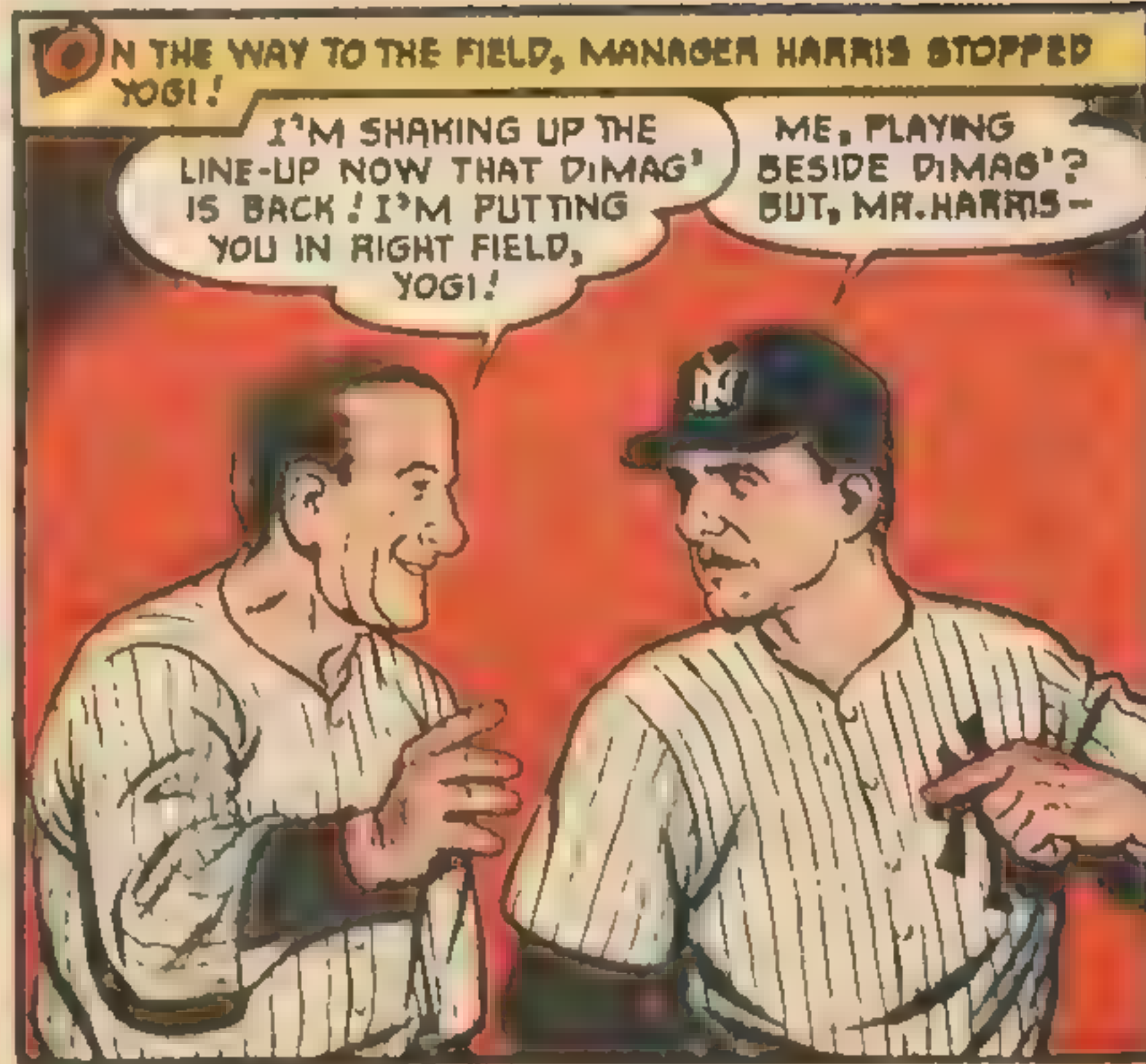


AND BOUDREAU WAS RIGHT! YOGI DID SWING AT  
BAD BALLS, POPPING UP FOUR TIMES THAT DAY!



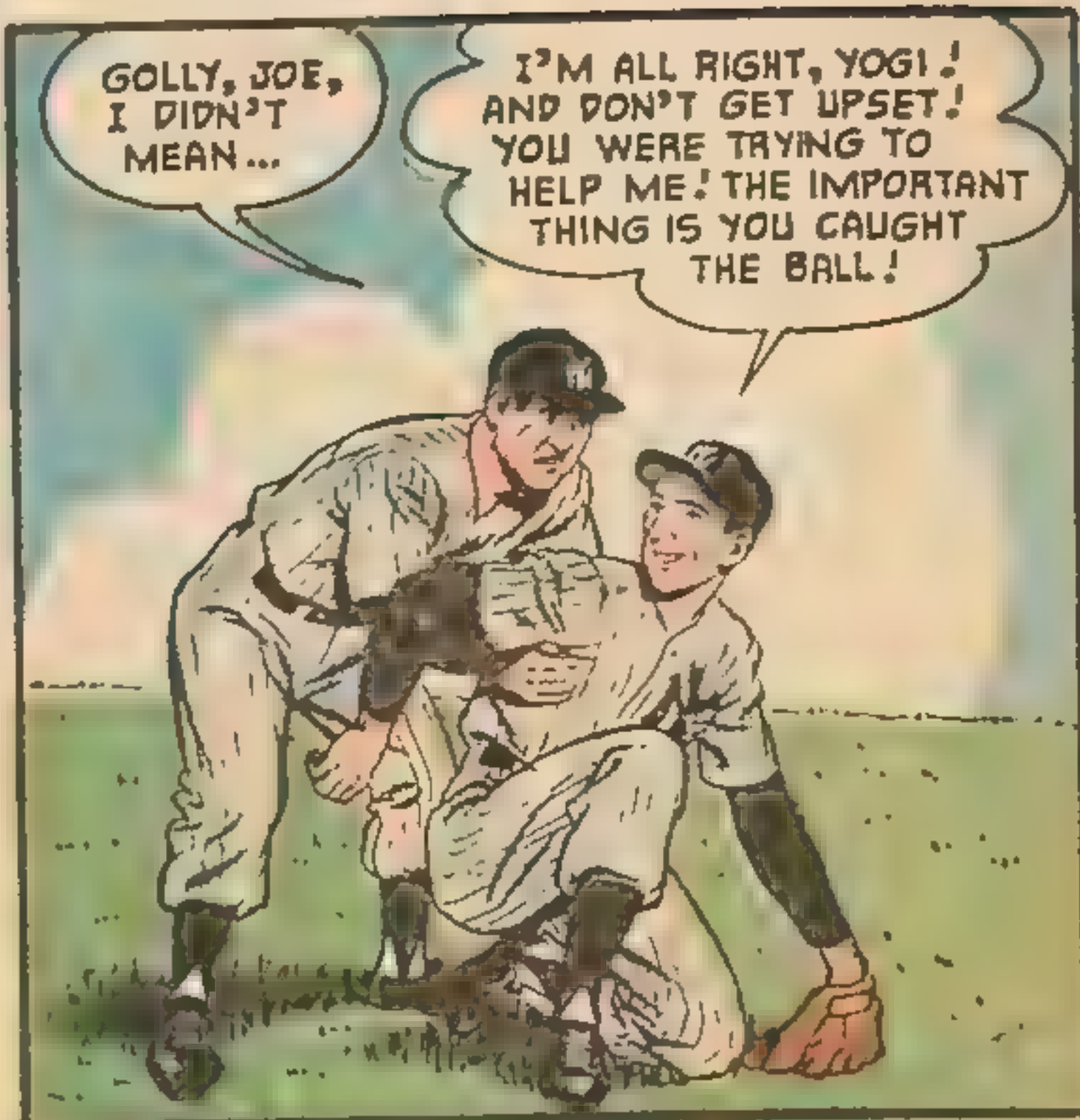
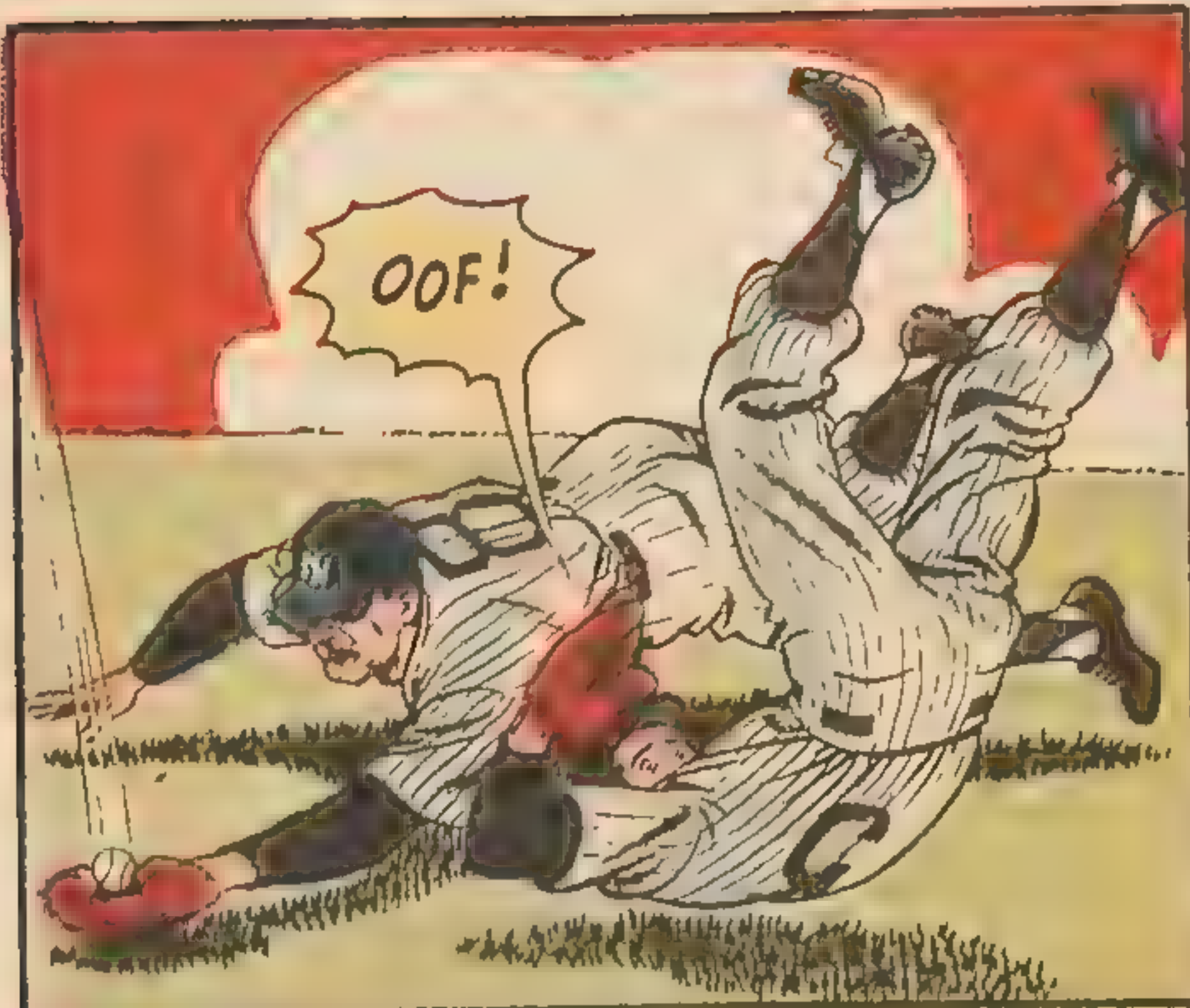


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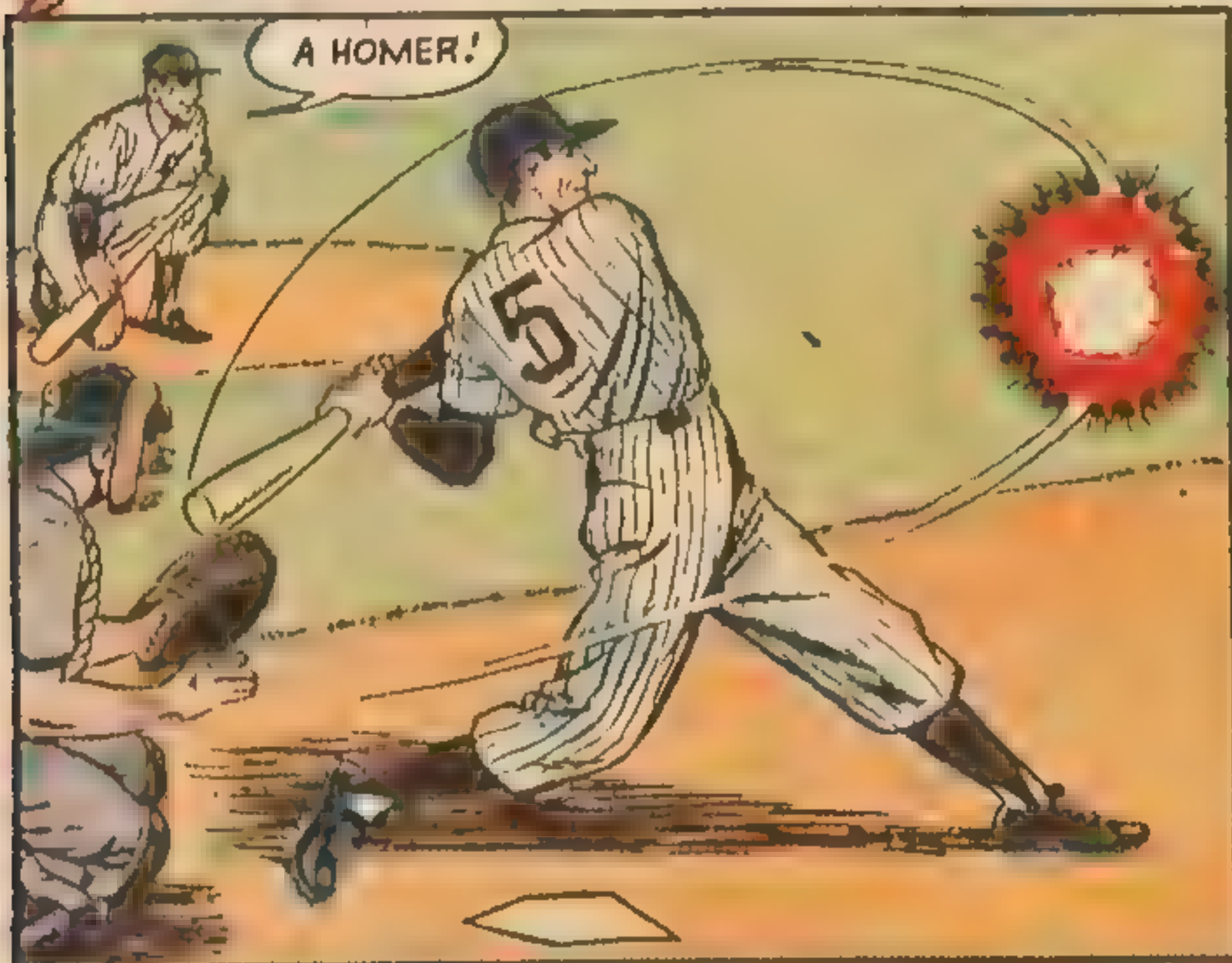




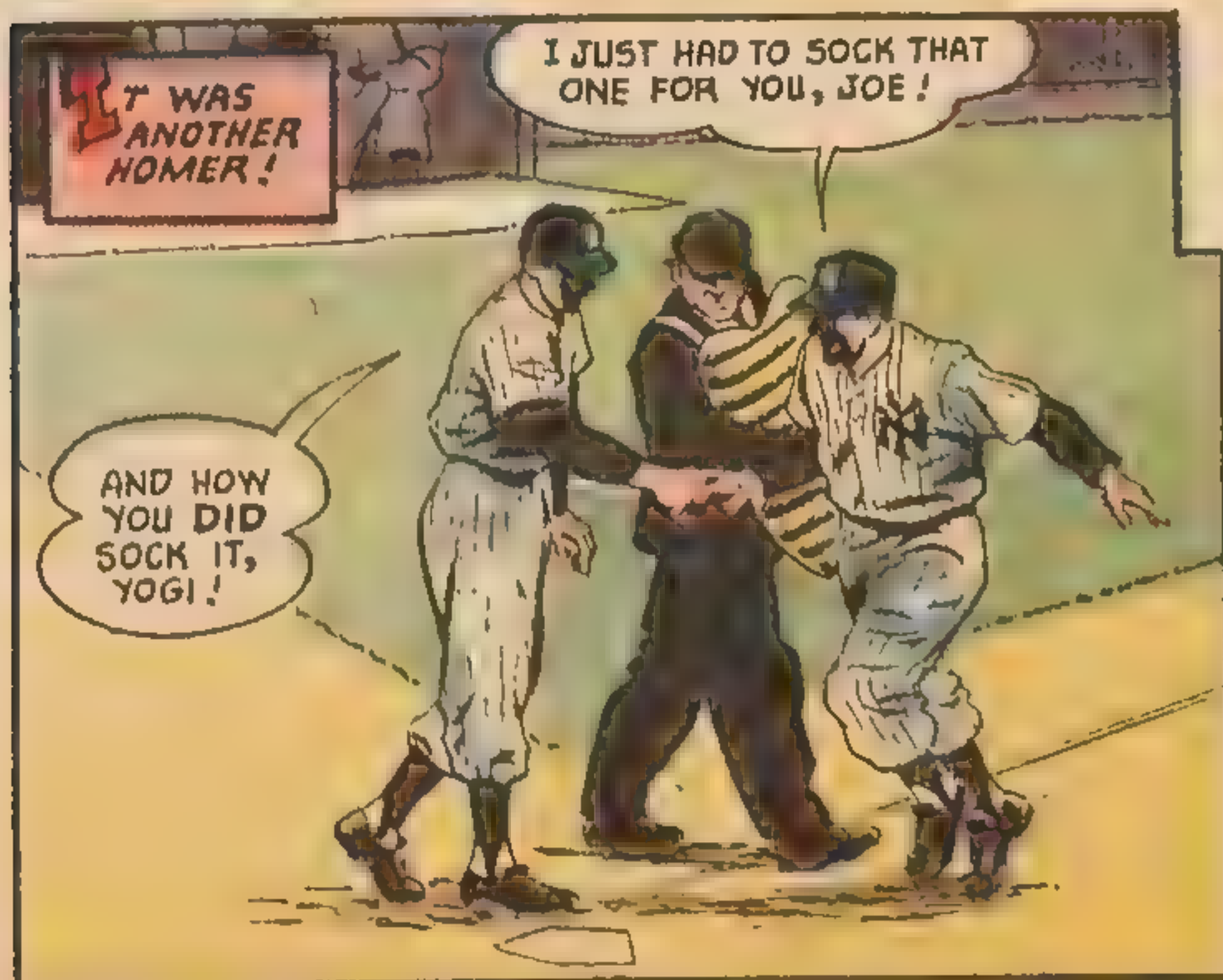
# YOGI BERRA BASEBALL HERO



**I**N THE NEXT INNING DIMAGGIO REALLY PROVED HE WAS ALL RIGHT!!!



**Y**OGI WAS UP NEXT! HE DUG IN, SAW THE BALL COMING, AND SWUNG!

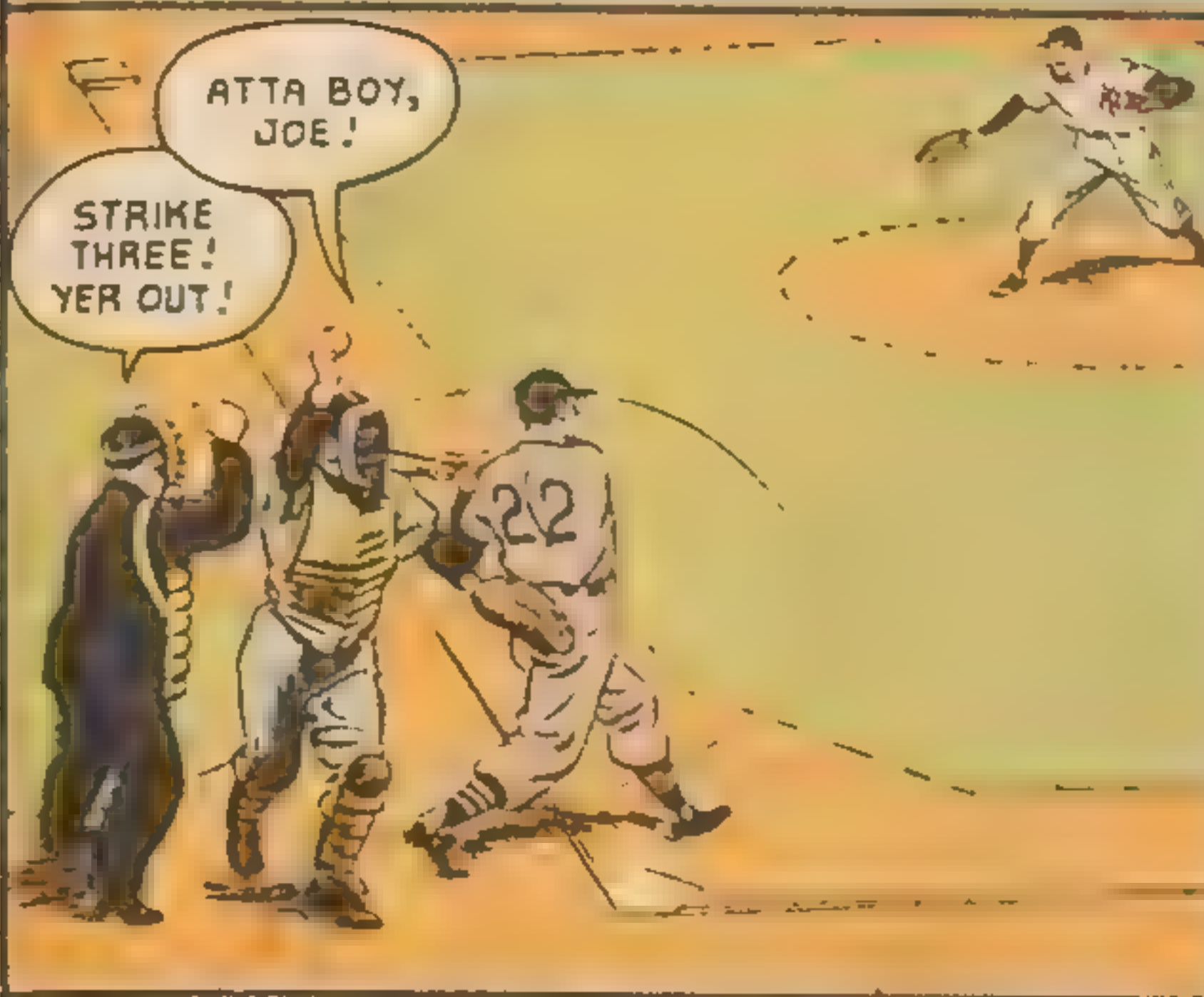


**P**ACED BY DIMAGGIO'S GREAT HITTING, AND WITH YOGI AND TOMMY HENRICH BLASTING THE BALL, TOO, THE YANKS WON NINETEEN STRAIGHT GAMES THAT SUMMER, MOVING INTO AN UNBEATABLE LEAD IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE RACE!



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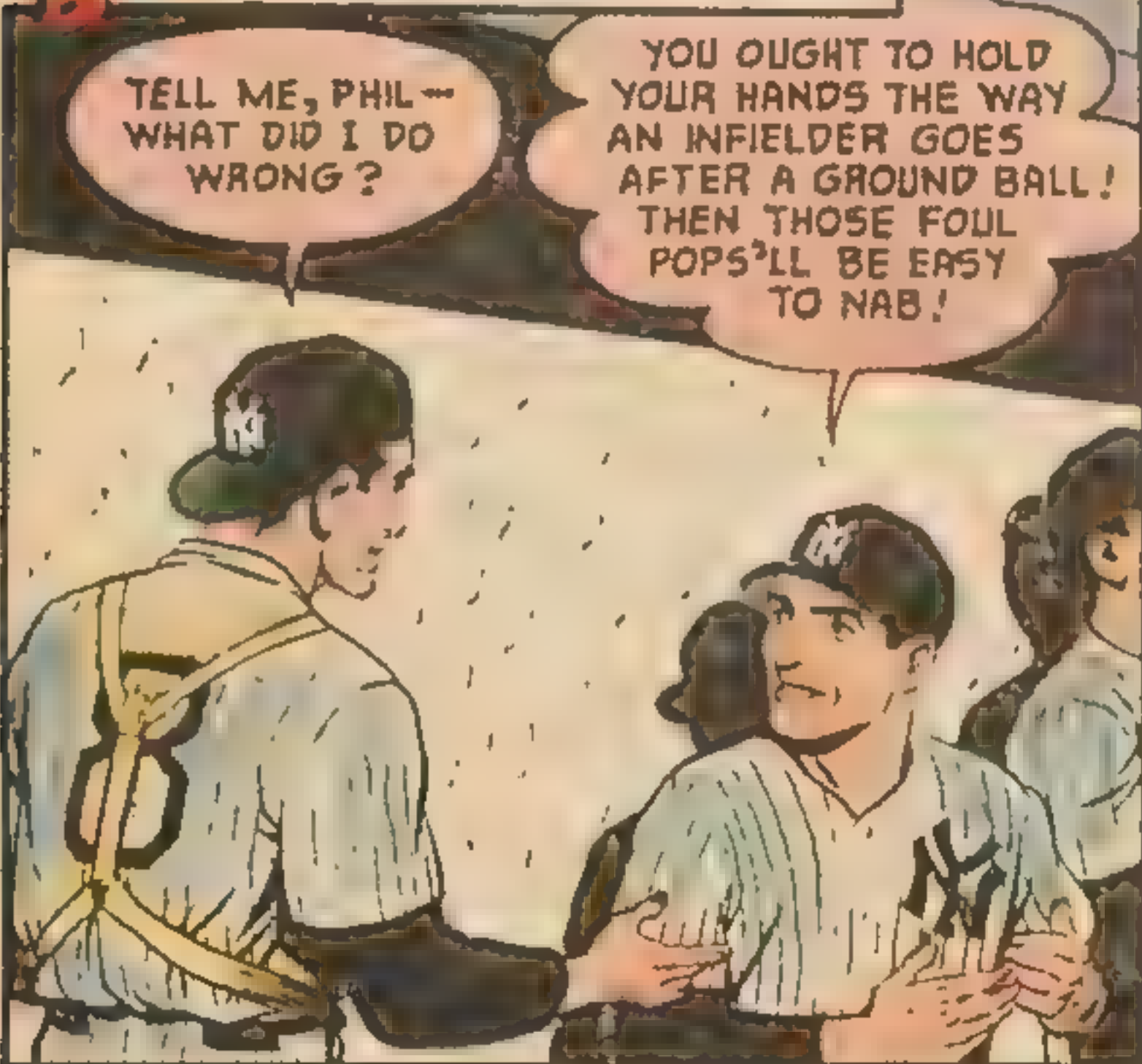
**Y**OGI CONTINUED IN BACK OF THE PLATE! BEHIND THE AGE  
RELIEF HURLING OF JOE PAGE, THE YANKEES ROLLED ON!



**H**OWEVER,  
YOGI  
WAS CRUDE  
AS A  
RECEIVER!



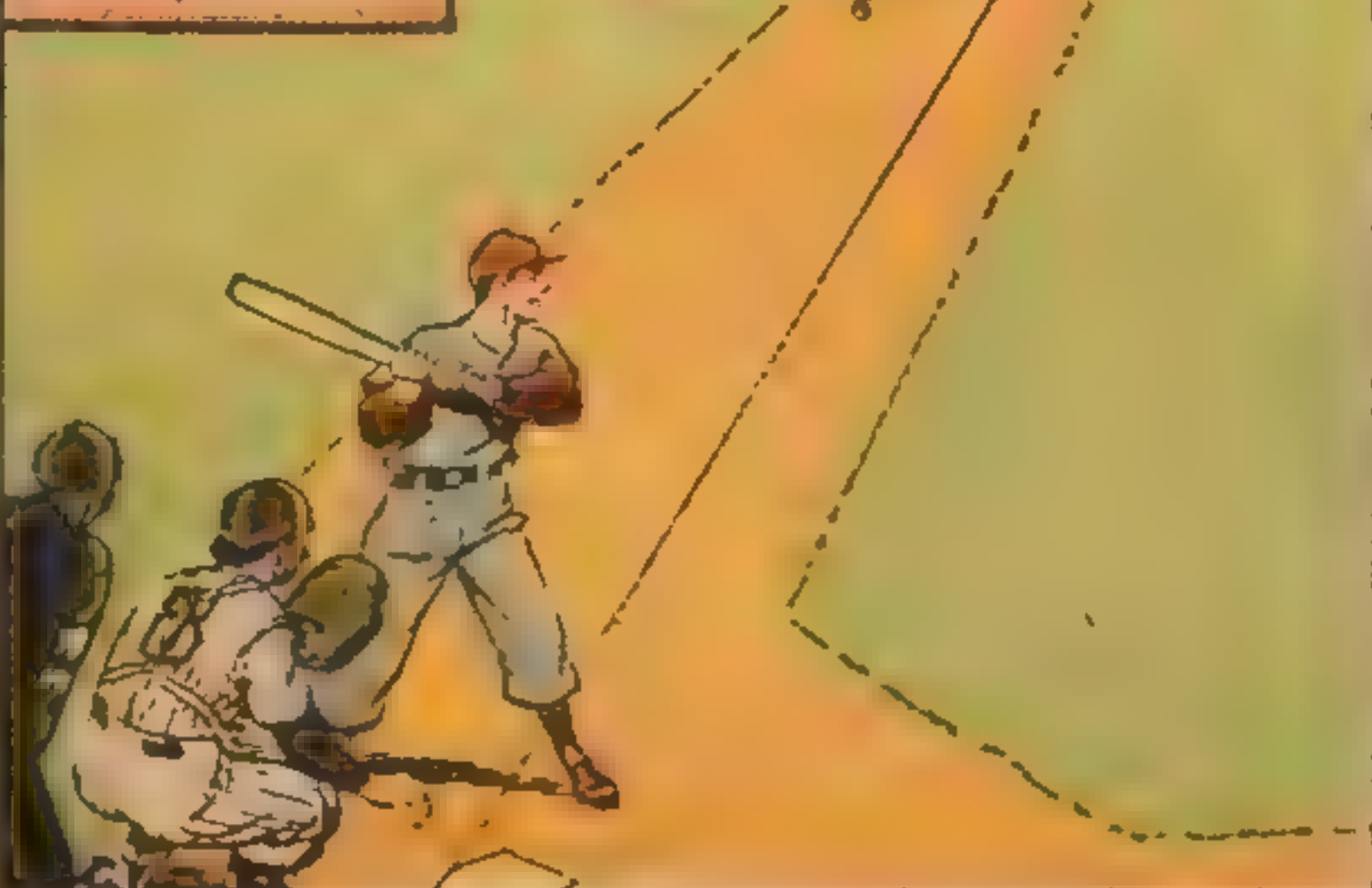
**B**UT HE WAS EAGER TO LEARN, TOO!



**A**ND YOGI'S LUSTY HITTING STILL WON MANY GAMES FOR  
THE YANKEES!



**Y**OGI WAS SHARP-WITTED ON DEFENSE! IN A GAME  
AGAINST ST. LOUIS, WITH THE YANKS LEADING, 2 TO 1,  
IN THE NINTH, A  
BROWNIE RUNNER  
WAS DANCING OFF  
THIRD WITH THE  
POTENTIAL  
TYING RUN!

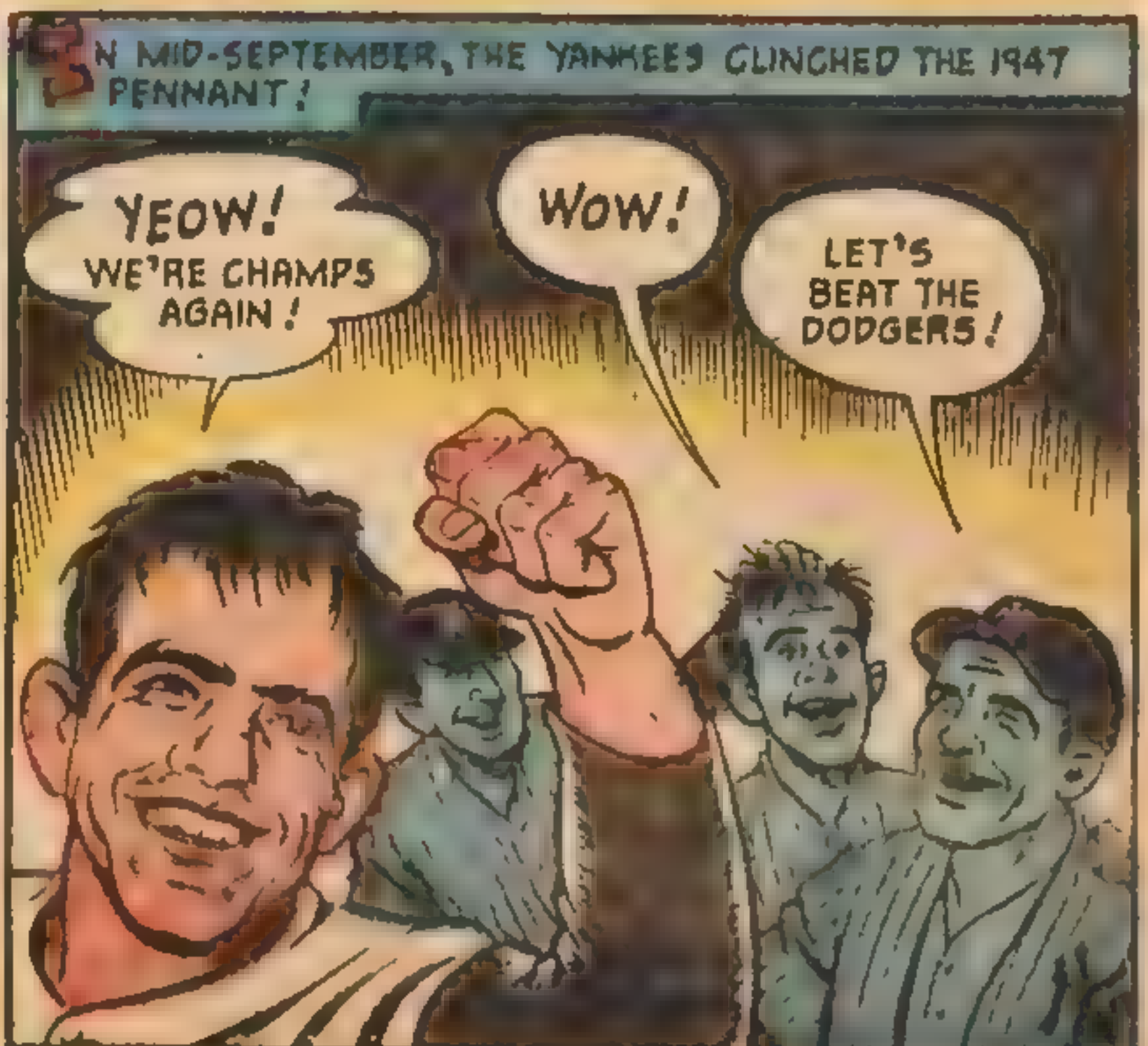
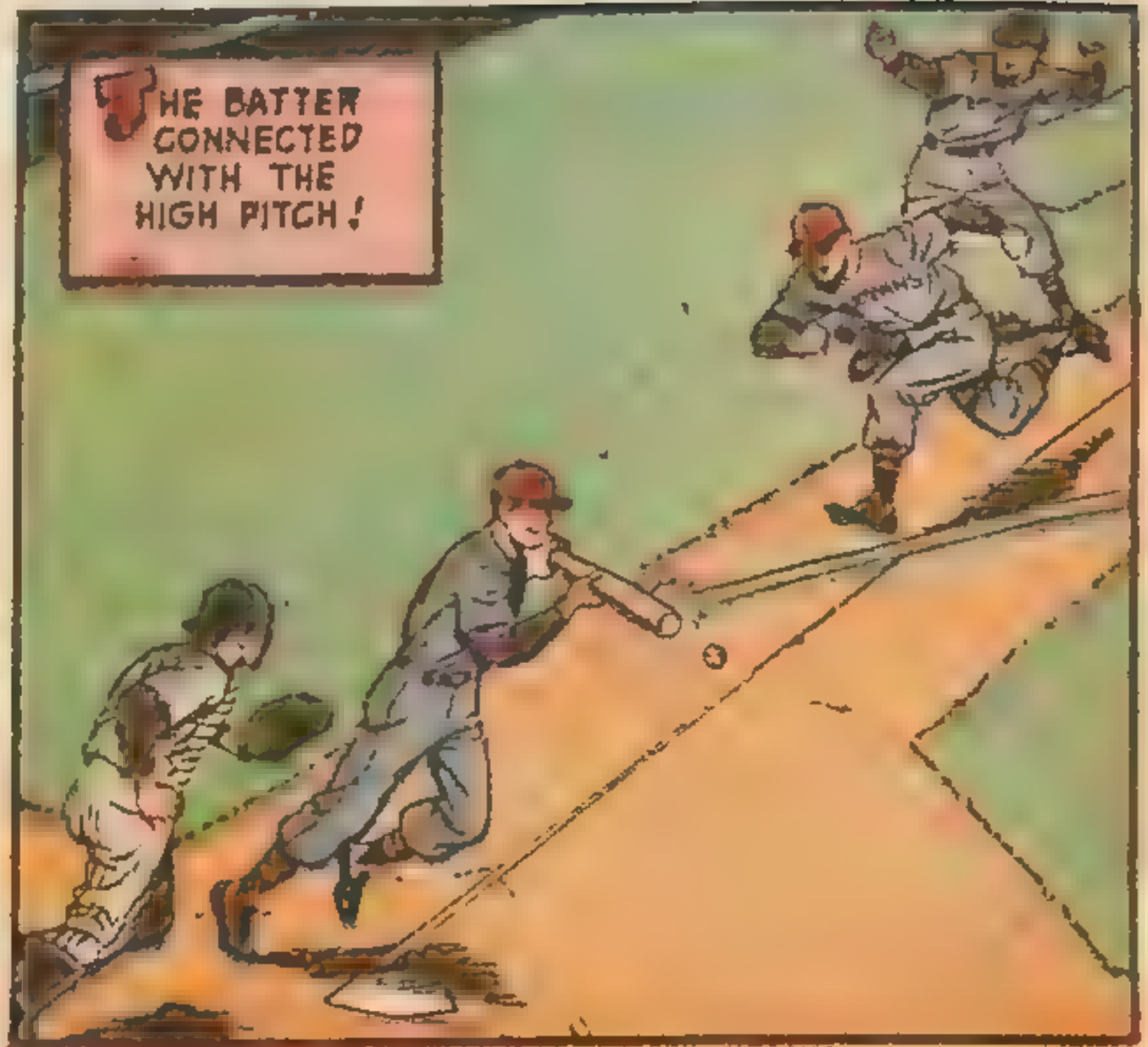


**Y**OGI CAUGHT THE THIRD BASE COACH'S SIGN TO THE  
NEXT BATTER! IT WAS FOR A SQUEEZE BUNT!



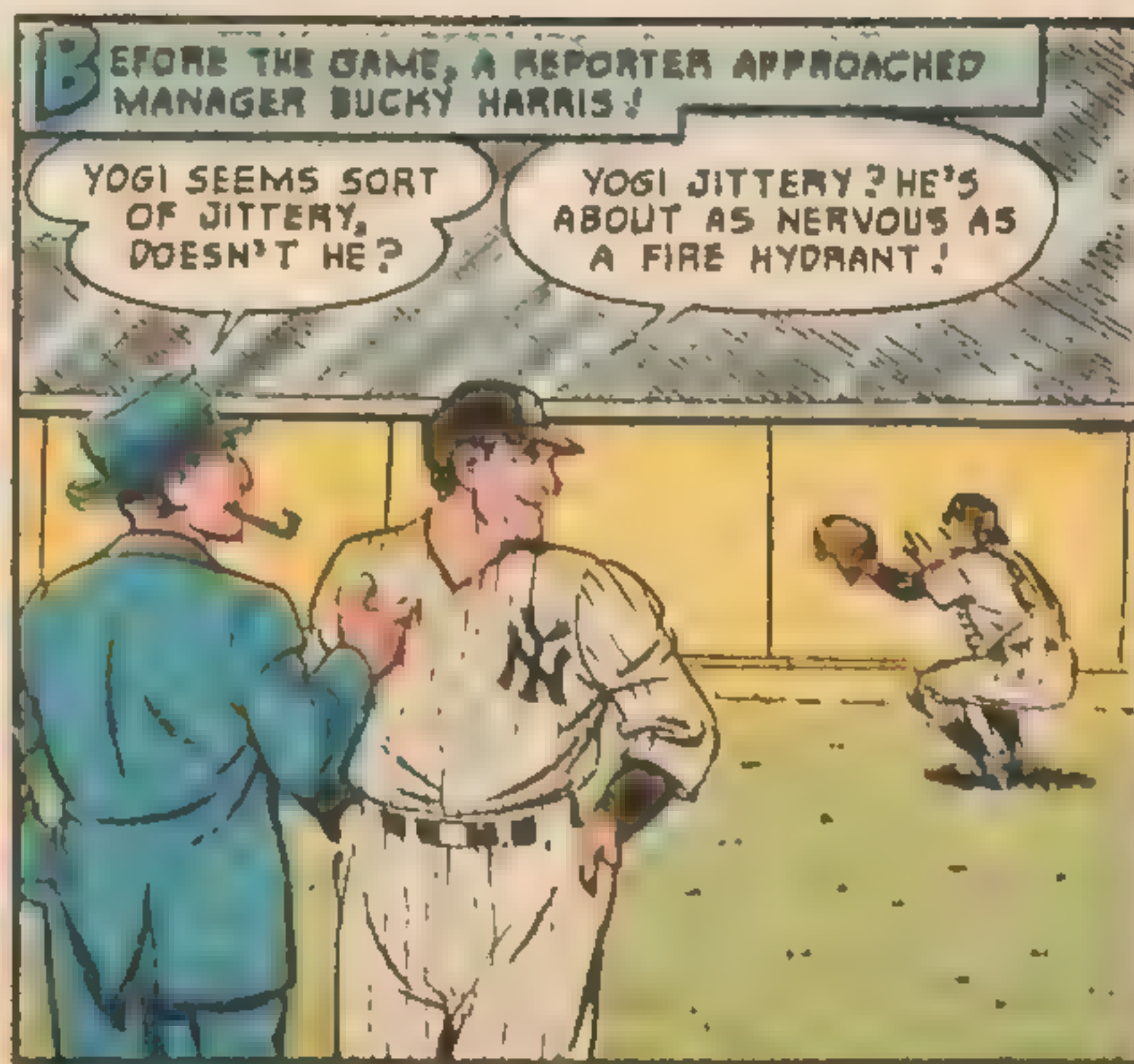
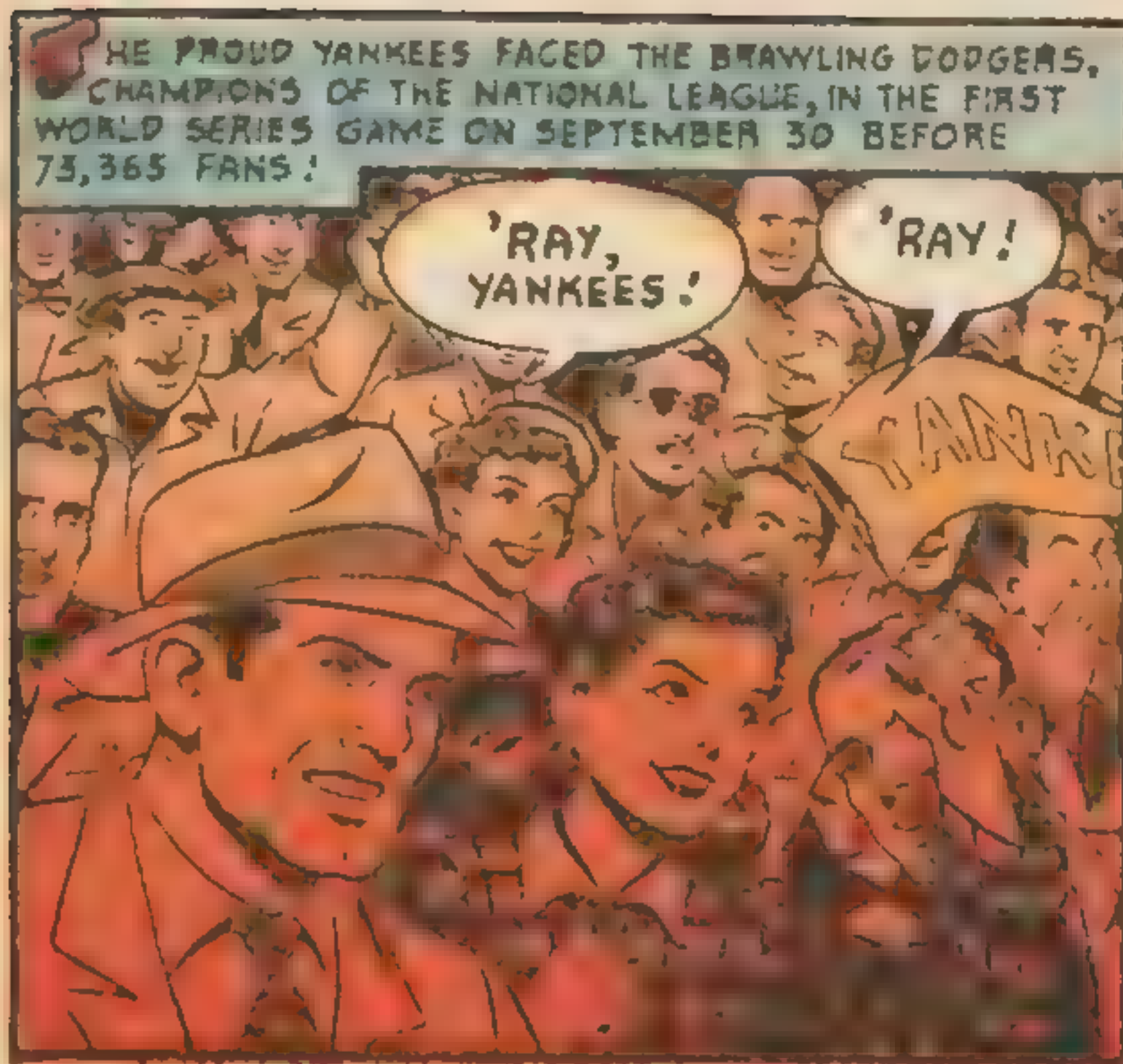


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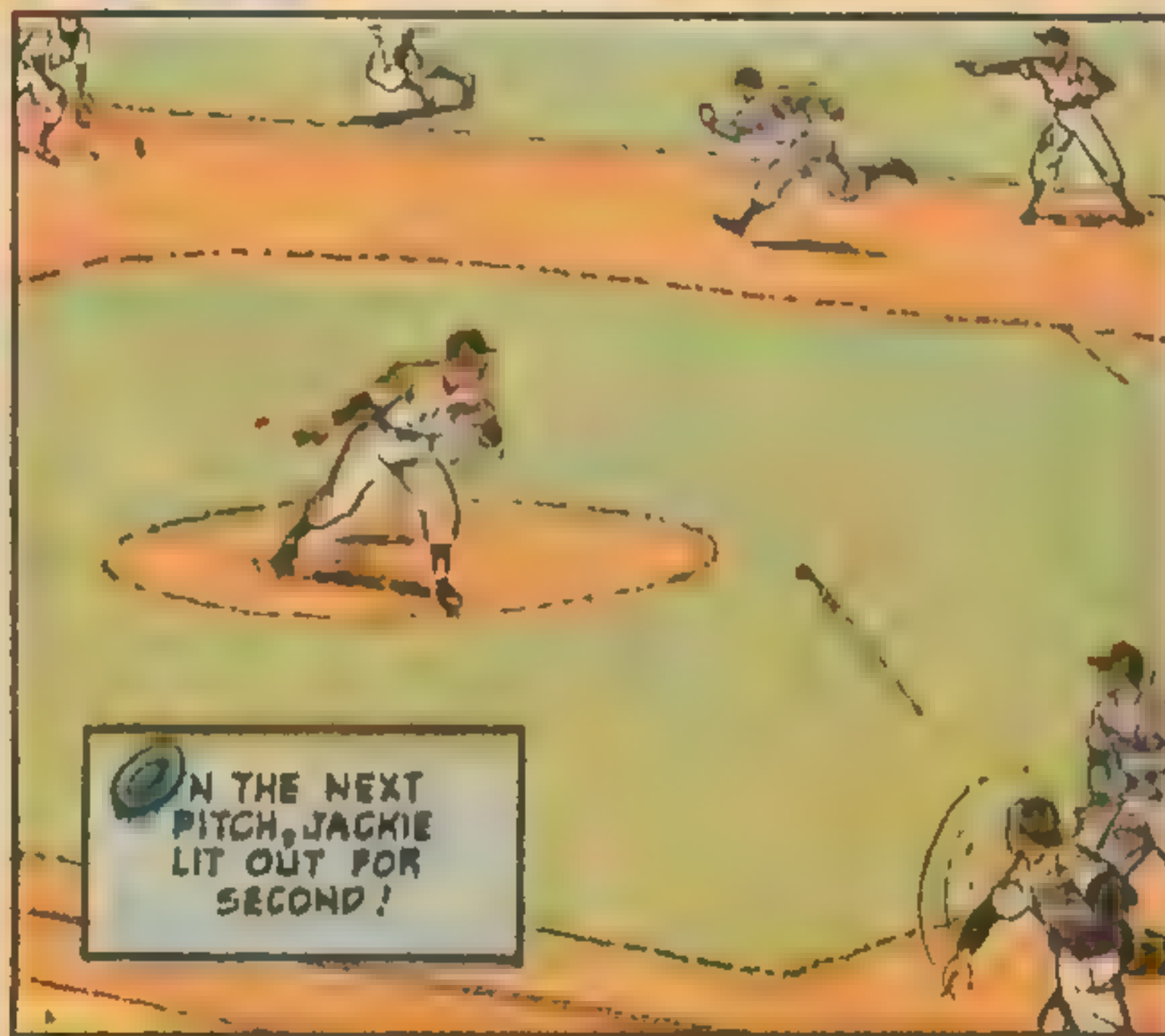
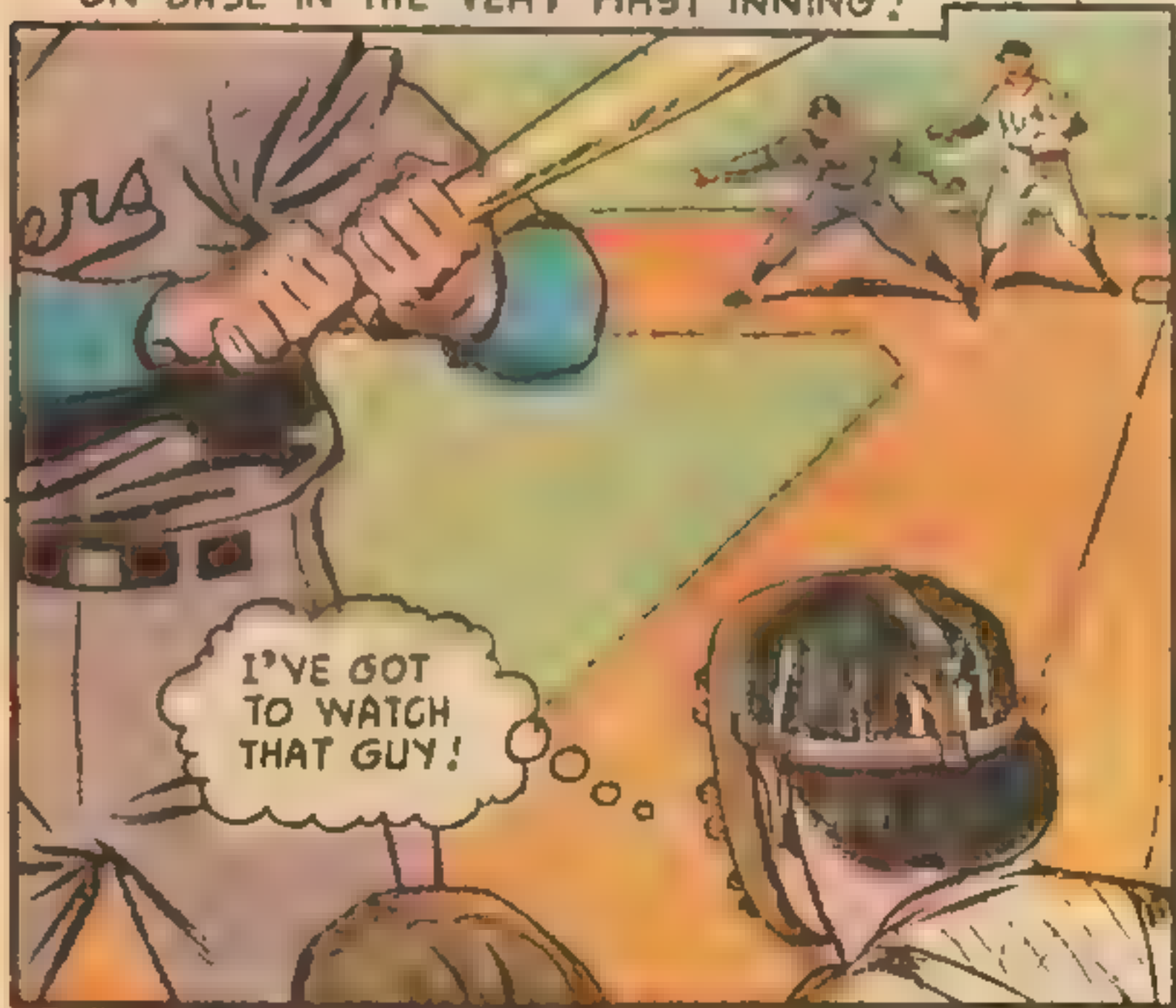




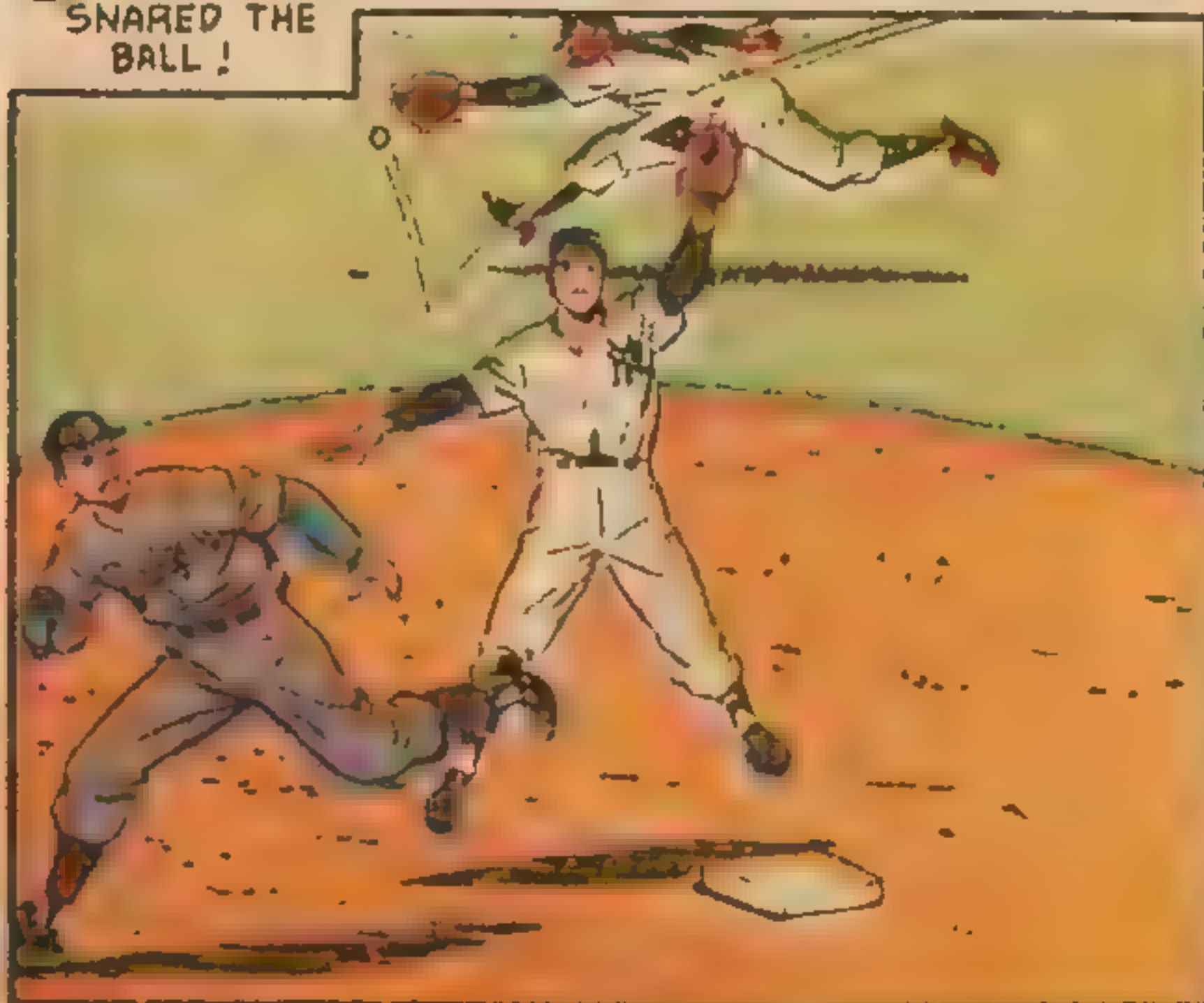
# YOGI BERRA. BASEBALL HERO



**B**UT YOGI WAS JITTERY, ESPECIALLY WHEN JACKIE ROBINSON, THE DODGER'S FAMED SPEEDSTER, GOT ON BASE IN THE VERY FIRST INNING!



**Y**OGI PEGGED DOWN BUT HIS THROW WAS WILD! HOWEVER, GEORGE STIRNWEISS, BACKING UP THE PLAY, SNARED THE BALL!



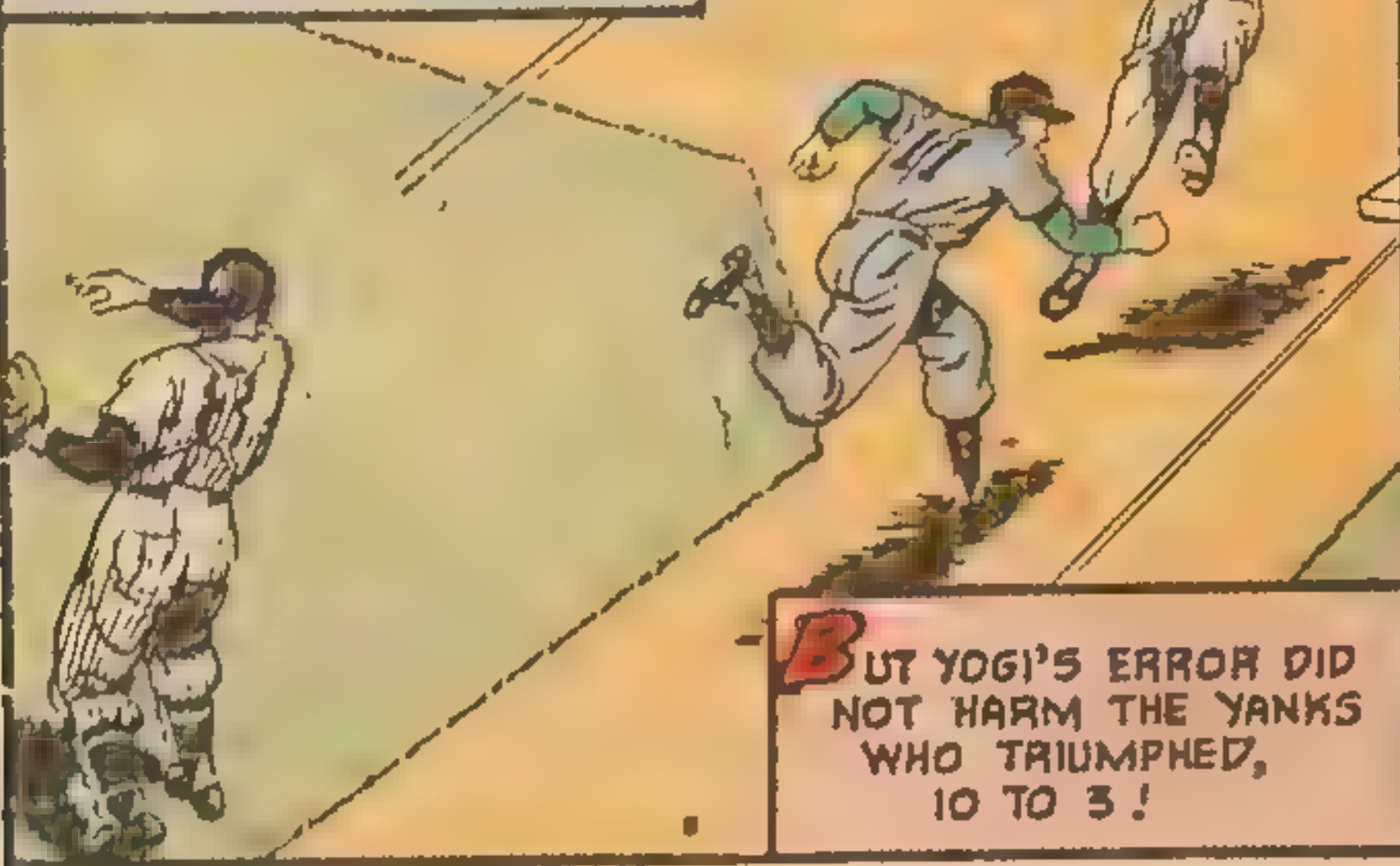
**A**ND ROBINSON WAS TAGGED OUT IN A RUN DOWN!





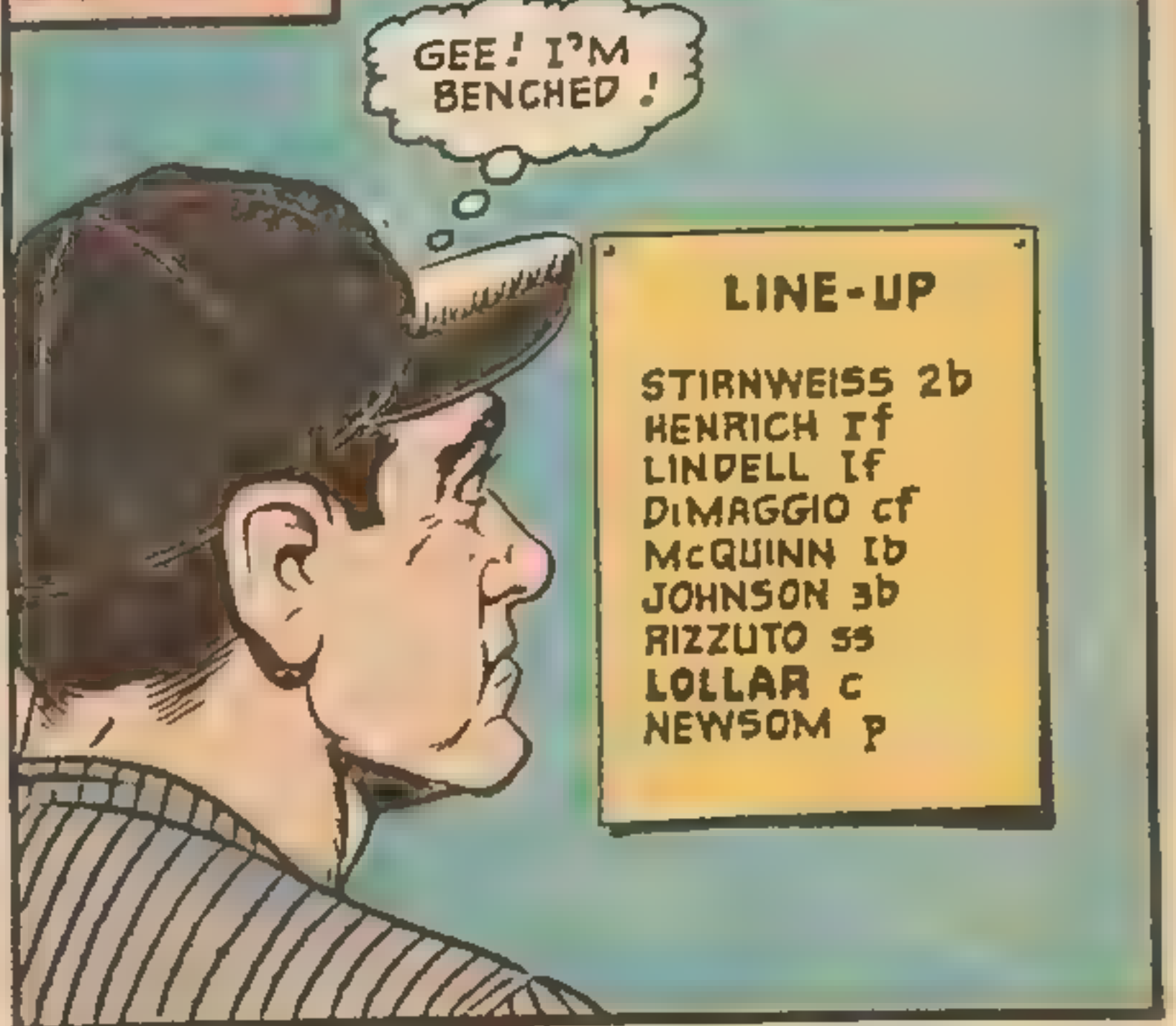
# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO

**Y**OGI'S WORLD SERIES JITTERS CONTINUED IN THE SECOND GAME AS REESE STOLE SECOND ON HIM! THEN IN THE EIGHTH INNING, HE THREW WILD ON A PLAY TO FIRST!



**B**UT YOGI'S ERROR DID NOT HARM THE YANKS WHO TRIUMPHED, 10 TO 3!

**A**T EBBETS FIELD, JUST BEFORE THE THIRD GAME...



## LINE-UP

STIRNWEISS 2b  
HENRICH 1f  
LINDELL 1f  
DIMAGGIO cf  
MCQUINN 1b  
JOHNSON 3b  
RIZZUTO ss  
LOLLAR c  
NEWSOM p

**T**HE DODGERS SURGED TO A SIX-RUN LEAD IN THE THIRD INNING, BUT THE YANKS HAMMERED AWAY AND WERE TRAILING ONLY 9 TO 6 IN THE SEVENTH WHEN.....

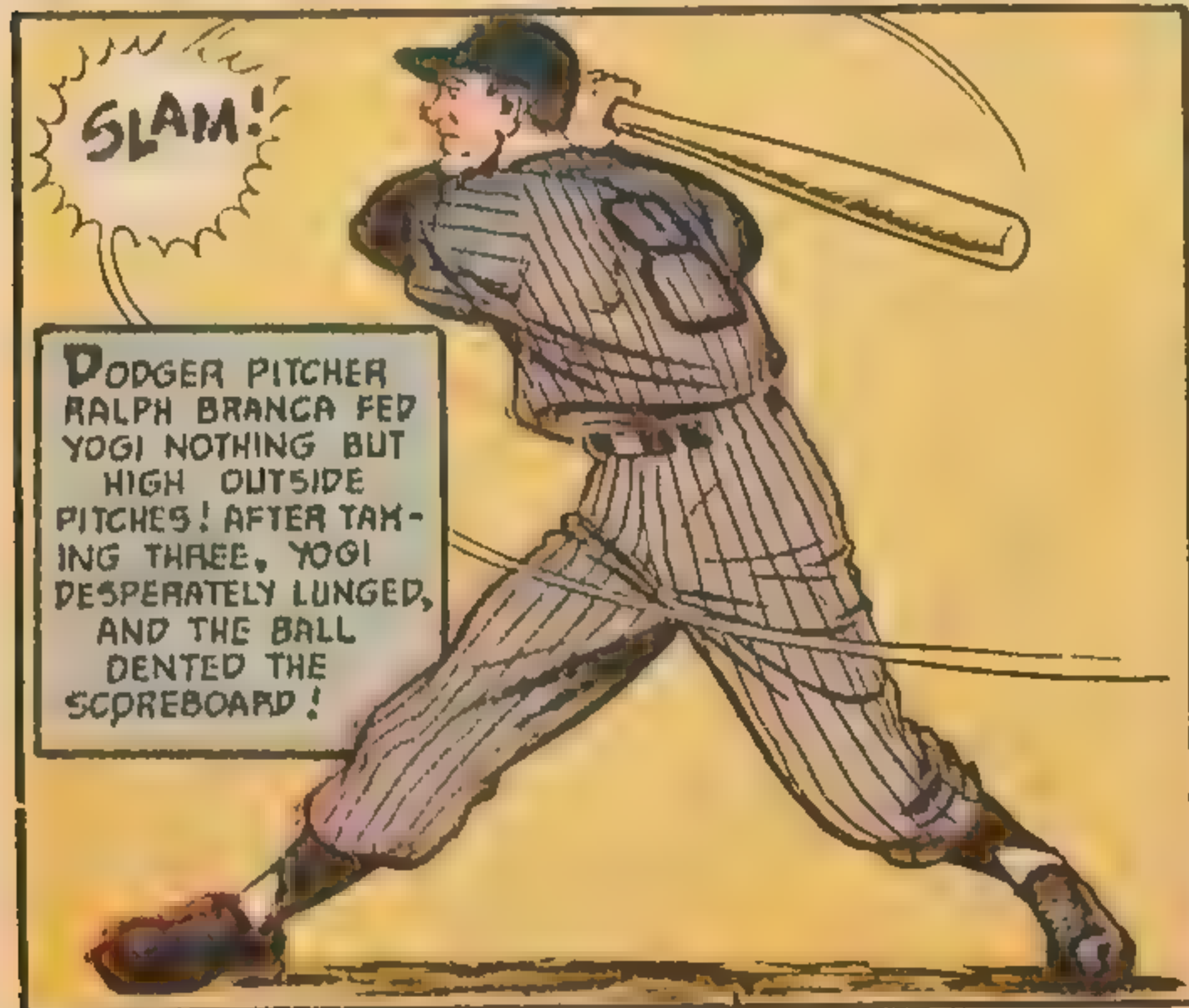


GO UP THERE AND BAT FOR LOLLAR, YOGI!

WHO...ME?

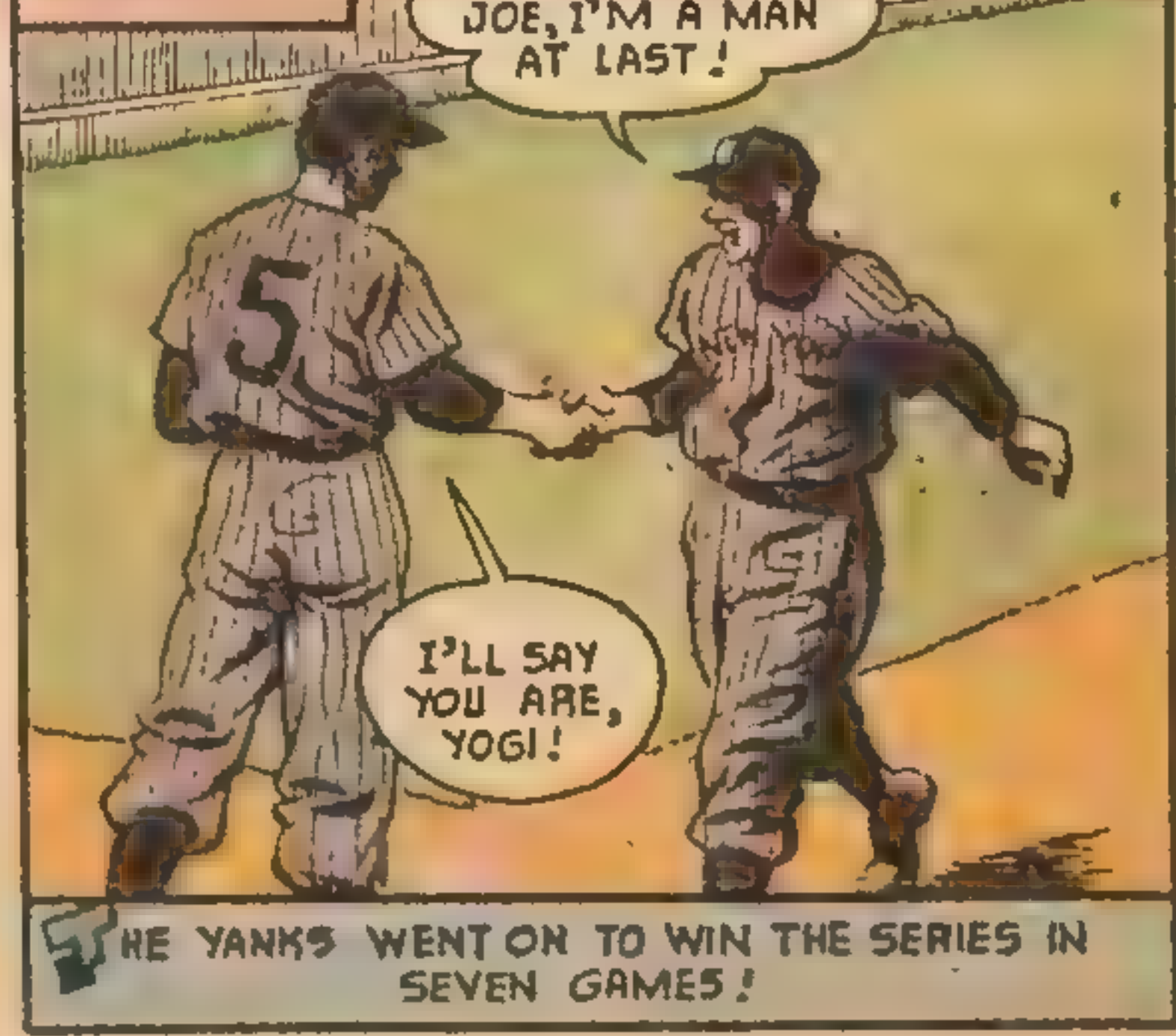


LEMME AT 'EM!



**D**ODGER PITCHER RALPH BRANCA FED YOGI NOTHING BUT HIGH OUTSIDE PITCHES! AFTER TAKING THREE, YOGI DESPERATELY LUNGED, AND THE BALL DENTED THE SCOREBOARD!

**A**ND YOGI JOGGED ACROSS THE PLATE WITH THE FIRST PINCH-HIT HOMER IN WORLD SERIES' HISTORY!



JOE, I'M A MAN AT LAST!

I'LL SAY YOU ARE, YOGI!

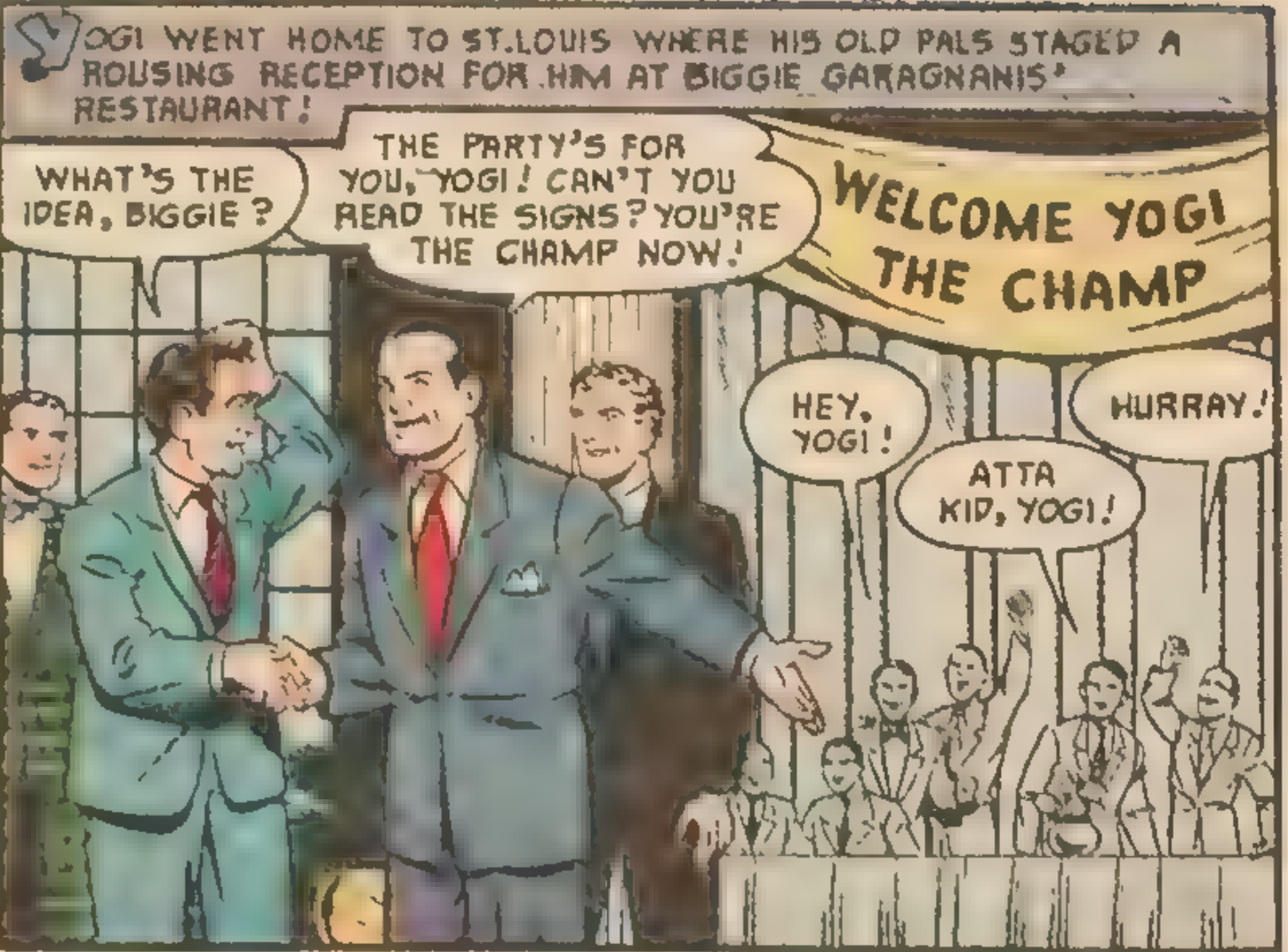
**T**HE YANKS WENT ON TO WIN THE SERIES IN SEVEN GAMES!



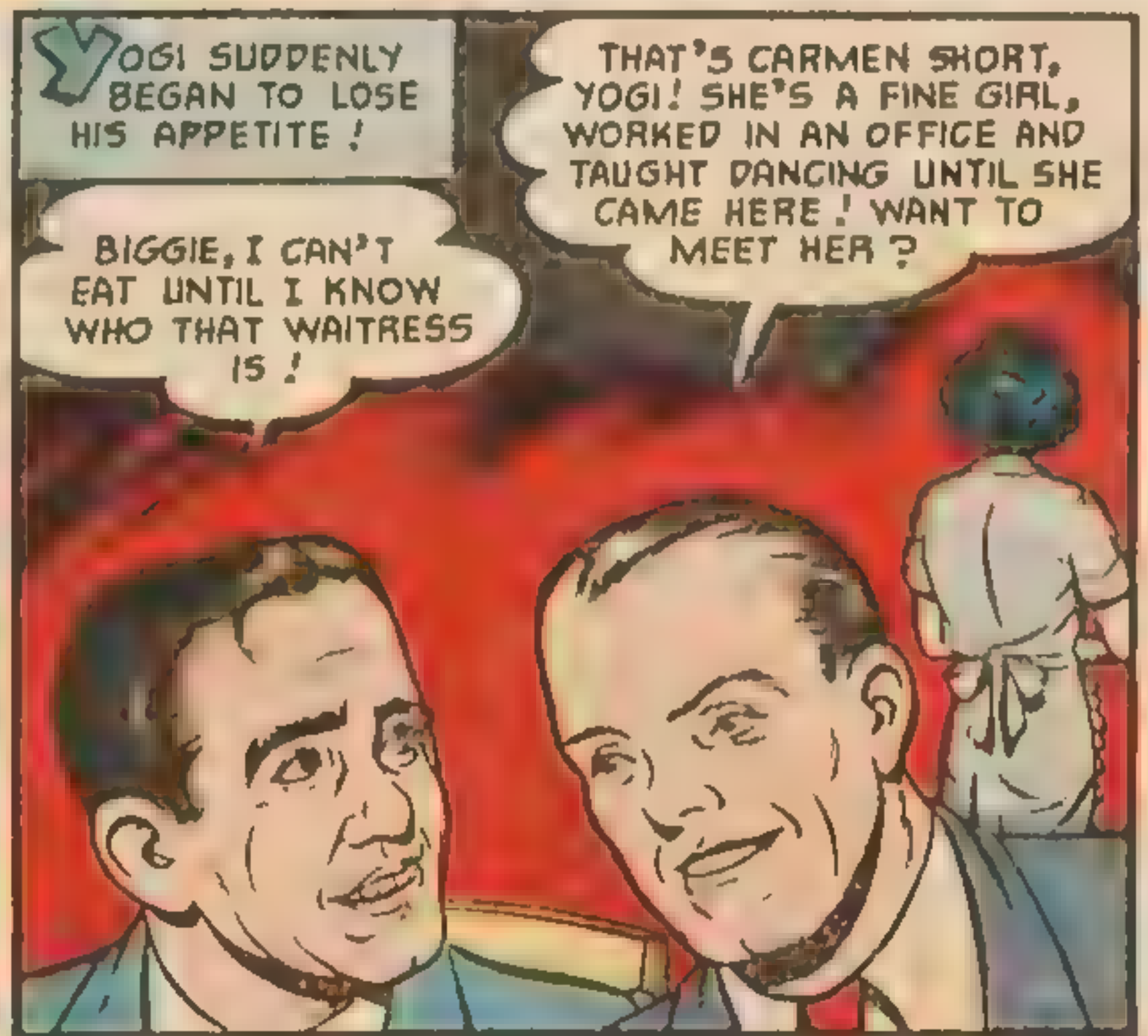
# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO

## YOGI'S RECORD -- 1947

Games .....	83
Hits .....	82
Doubles .....	15
Triples .....	3
Homers .....	11
Batting average .....	.280
Slugging average .....	.464



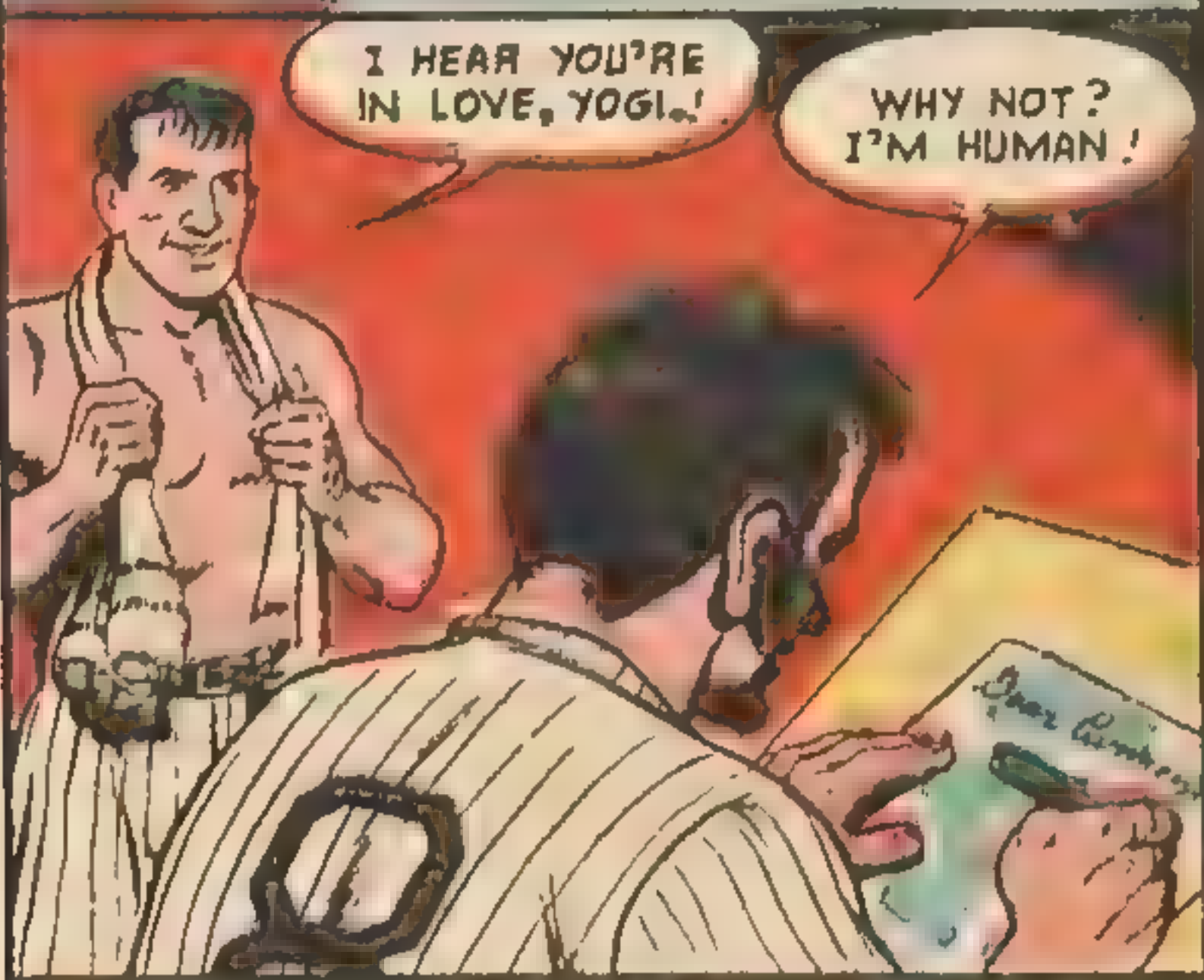
WITH HIS OLD PAL, JOE GARAGIOLA AT HIS SIDE, YOGI ENJOYED THE FINE DINNER UNTIL .....



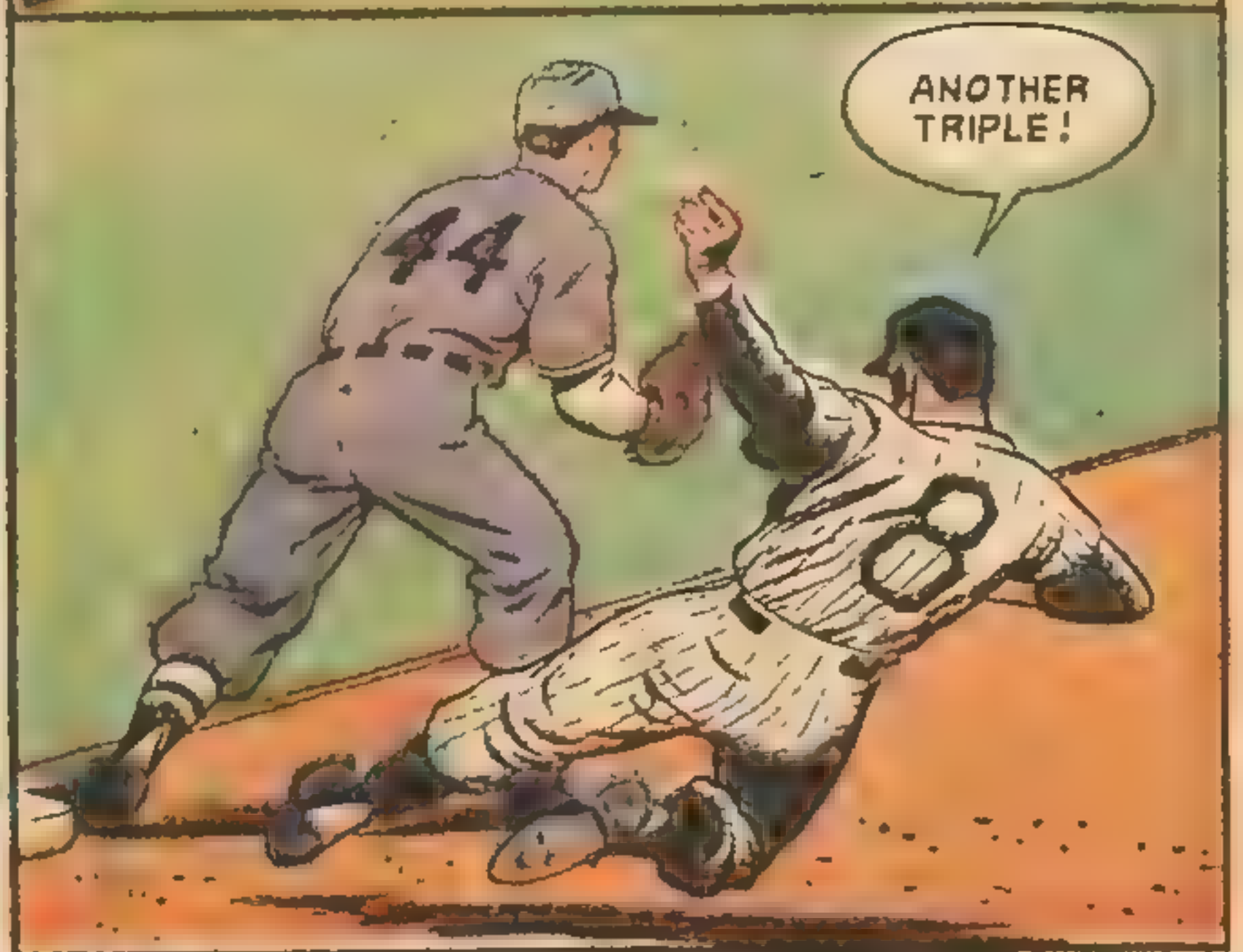


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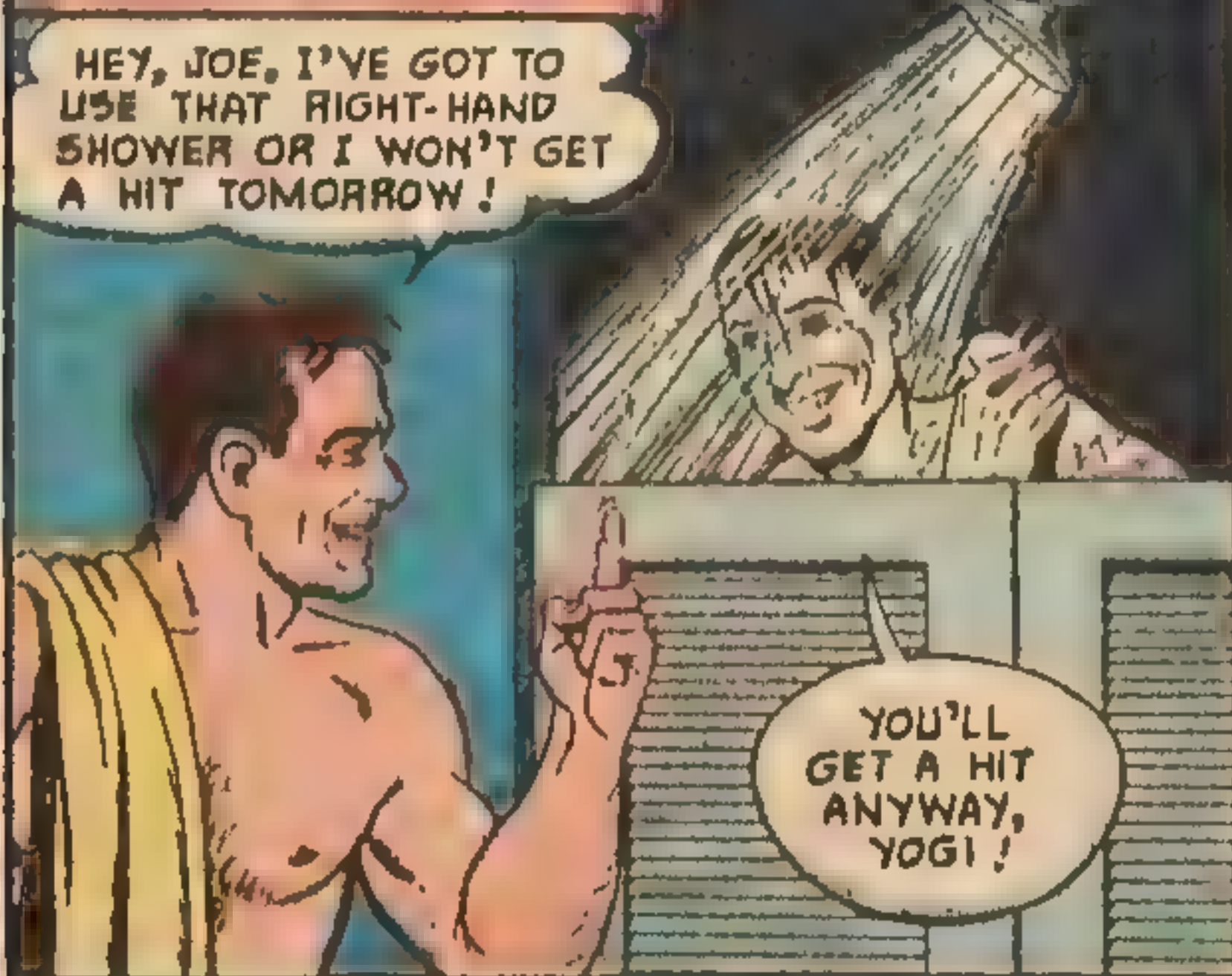
**D**URING THAT WINTER YOGI AND CARMEN SAW EACH OTHER EVERY DAY! ALL TOO SOON IT WAS SPRING AGAIN AND YOGI RETURNED TO THE YANKEE CAMP IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA!



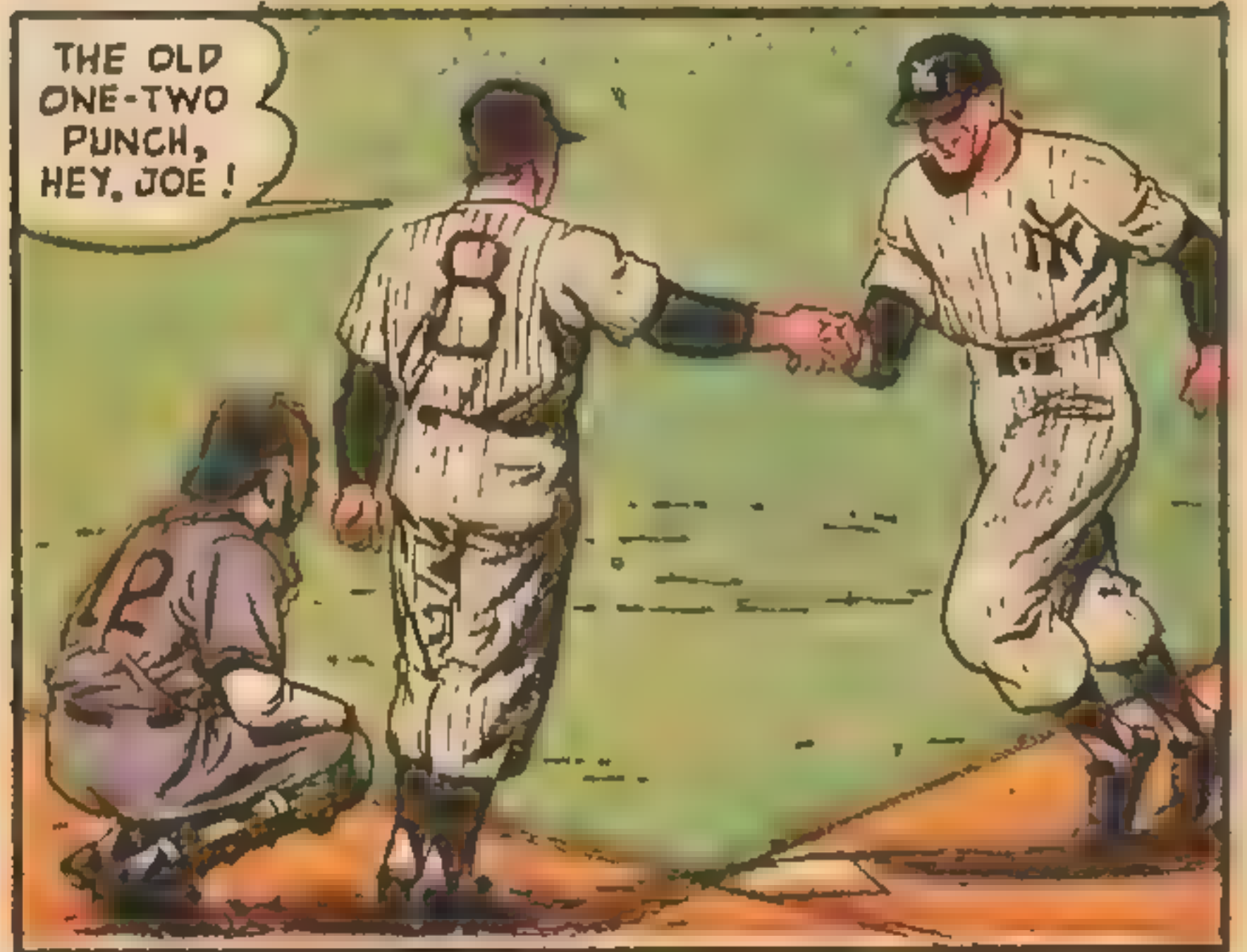
**S**PURRED ON BY HIS LOVE FOR CARMEN, YOGI OPENED THE 1948 SEASON WITH A FURIOUS BATTING STREAK!



**W**Henever YOGI WAS BATTING WELL, HE WAS VERY SUPERSTITIOUS!



**W**ITH YOGI BATTING THIRD, AHEAD OF THE GREAT YANKEE CLIPPER, HE GOT ON BASE DAY AFTER DAY WHILE DIMAG SOCKED THIRTY-NINE HOMERS, TOPS FOR THE LEAGUE!



**B**UT THE YANKEE PITCHING SAGGED AS JOE PAGE FAILED TO REGAIN HIS MIRACULOUS FORM OF 1947!



**T**HE CLEVELAND INDIANS WON THE FLAG, THE YANKS FINISHING THIRD! AND MANAGER DUCKY HARRIS RESIGNED!

## YOGI'S STAR RECORD 1948

Games .....	125
Hits .....	143
Doubles .....	24
Triples .....	10
Homers .....	14
Runs batted in .....	98
Batting average .....	.305
Slugging average .....	.488



# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO

**Y**OGI RUSHED HOME TO ST. LOUIS FOR A LONG AWAITED DATE ON JAN. 26, 1949, AT ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH!



**P**A BERRA WAS VERY HAPPY! BASEBALL HAD MADE HIS SON, YOGI, A HERO, NOT ONLY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY, BUT TO FANS THROUGHOUT AMERICA! NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES WERE FILLED WITH THE REAL STORY OF YOGI BERRA -- HIS QUANT WAYS, HIS MIGHTY PROWESS AT BAT AND HIS GOODHEARTEDNESS TO HIS WIFE AND PARENTS! HE HAD BECOME ONE OF THE MOST-LOVED HEROES IN THE GAME!

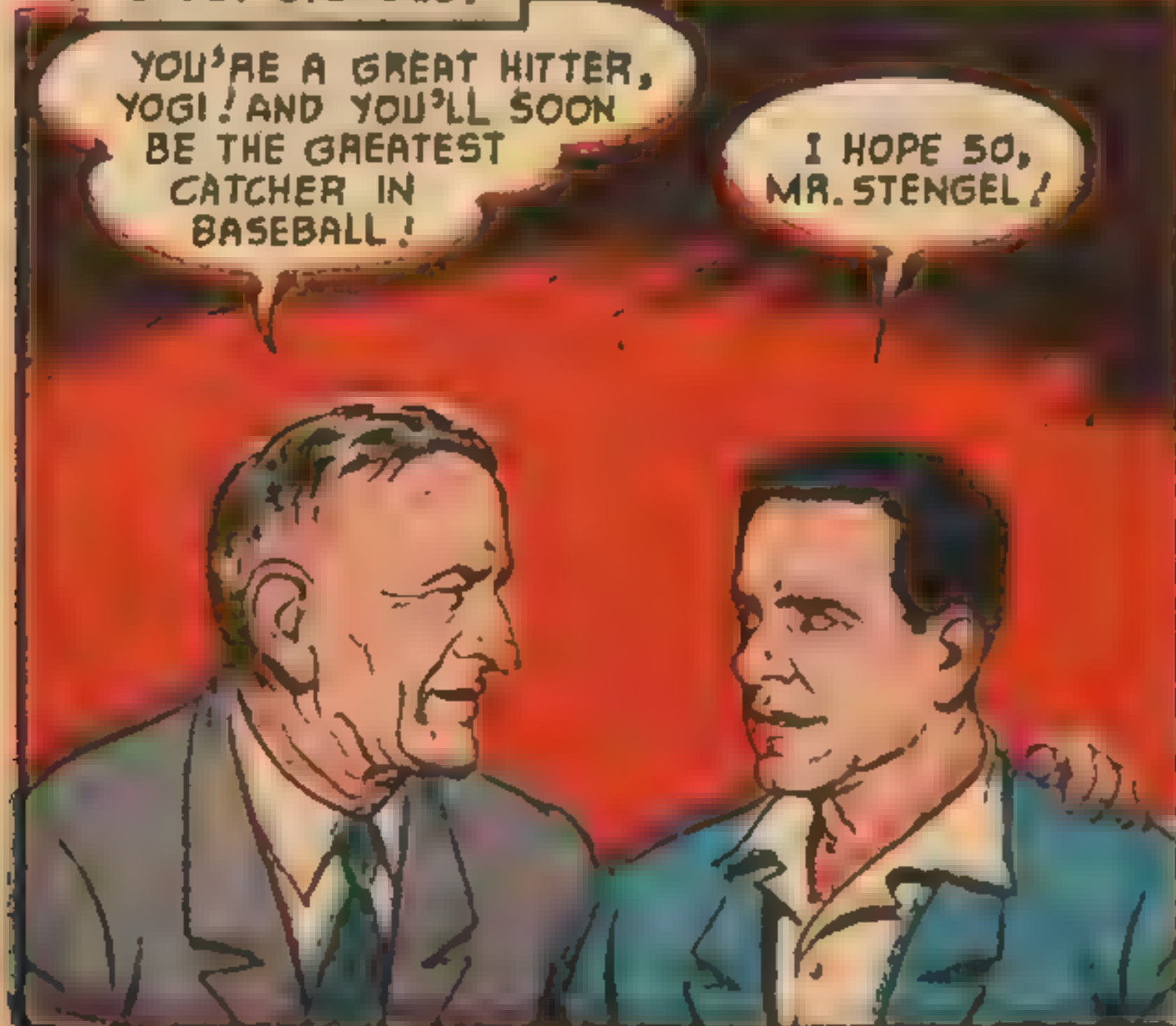
## ST. LOUIS HONORS YOGI BERRA



**Y**OGI AND CARMEN'S HONEYMOON WAS A MOTOR TRIP IN YOGI'S GIFT CAR ACROSS THE NATION ENDING IN ST. PETERSBURG!



**T**HE NEW MANAGER OF THE YANKEES WAS LIKEABLE CASEY STENGEL!



**Y**OGI'S COACH WAS BILL DICKEY, THE GREATEST CATCHER OF MODERN TIMES!





# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO



**Y**OGI'S ALL-AROUND DEFENSIVE PLAY WAS SHARPENED WITH BILL DICKEY'S VALUABLE LESSONS, BUT.....



**T**HE LOSS OF DIMAGGIO WAS A BLOW TO YANKEE PENNANT HOPES, BUT AS THE 1949 SEASON OPENED, TOMMY HENRICH STARTED A HITTING STREAK, BLASTING HOMER AFTER HOMER!





# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO

**Y**OGI'S ALL-AROUND PLAY HELPED KEEP THE YANKS ON TOP!

OUT!

**O**N JUNE 27 THE YANKS WERE LEADING BY FIVE AND A HALF GAMES!

POW!

**J**OLTIN' JOE DIMAGGIO RETURNED TO ACTION, CRUSHING THE RED SOX IN A VITAL SERIES BY SMASHING FOUR HOMERS IN THREE GAMES!

**T**HEN IN AUGUST, A WILD PITCH SPLINTERED YOGI'S WRIST!

OW! MY WRIST!

**W**ITH YOGI BENCHED FOR A MONTH, THE RED SOX CLIPPED THE YANKS' LEAD TO A HALF GAME! BUT ON SEPT. 11, YOGI WAS CATCHING AGAIN!

C'MON, FELLOWS! THIS PITCHER'S EASY!

**I**N A TWIN BILL AGAINST THE SENATORS YOGI SLAMMED TWO SINGLES, A DOUBLE AND A HOMER AS THE YANKS WON, 20 TO 5, 2 TO 1!

**Y**ANKEE HOPES RECEIVED A BLOW ON SEPTEMBER 19, WHEN JOE DIMAGGIO WAS STRICKEN WITH VIRUS PNEUMONIA! BUT YOGI CRASHED A TERRIFIC HOMER AGAINST THE INDIANS HELPING THE YANKS SWEEP A VITAL CLEVELAND SERIES!

THAT'S FOR JOE!

**F**ACING THE MENACING RED SOX AT YANKEE STADIUM, THE DIMAGGIO-LESS YANKS DROPPED TWO GAMES! IN THE FINAL SET ON SEPTEMBER 26, THE YANKS WERE LEADING 6 TO 3 IN THE EIGHTH WHEN JOE PAGE WEAKENED AND THE SOX TIED THE SCORE!

SAFE!

WHAT D'YA MEAN SAFE?

**A** DARING DASH ON A SQUEEZE PLAY BY JOE PESKY COST THE YANKS THE GAME AND THE PENNANT LEAD!

**T**HE YANKS FACED THE SOX AGAIN ON OCTOBER 1 FOR THE FINAL TEST! THEY NEEDED A TWO-GAME SWEEP TO WIN THE FLAG! THE SOX LED 4 TO 0 IN THE FOURTH WHEN ...RISING FROM A SICK BED, THE GREAT DIMAGGIO CUFFED A GROUND RULE DOUBLE TO SCORE RIZZUTO AND HENRICH!

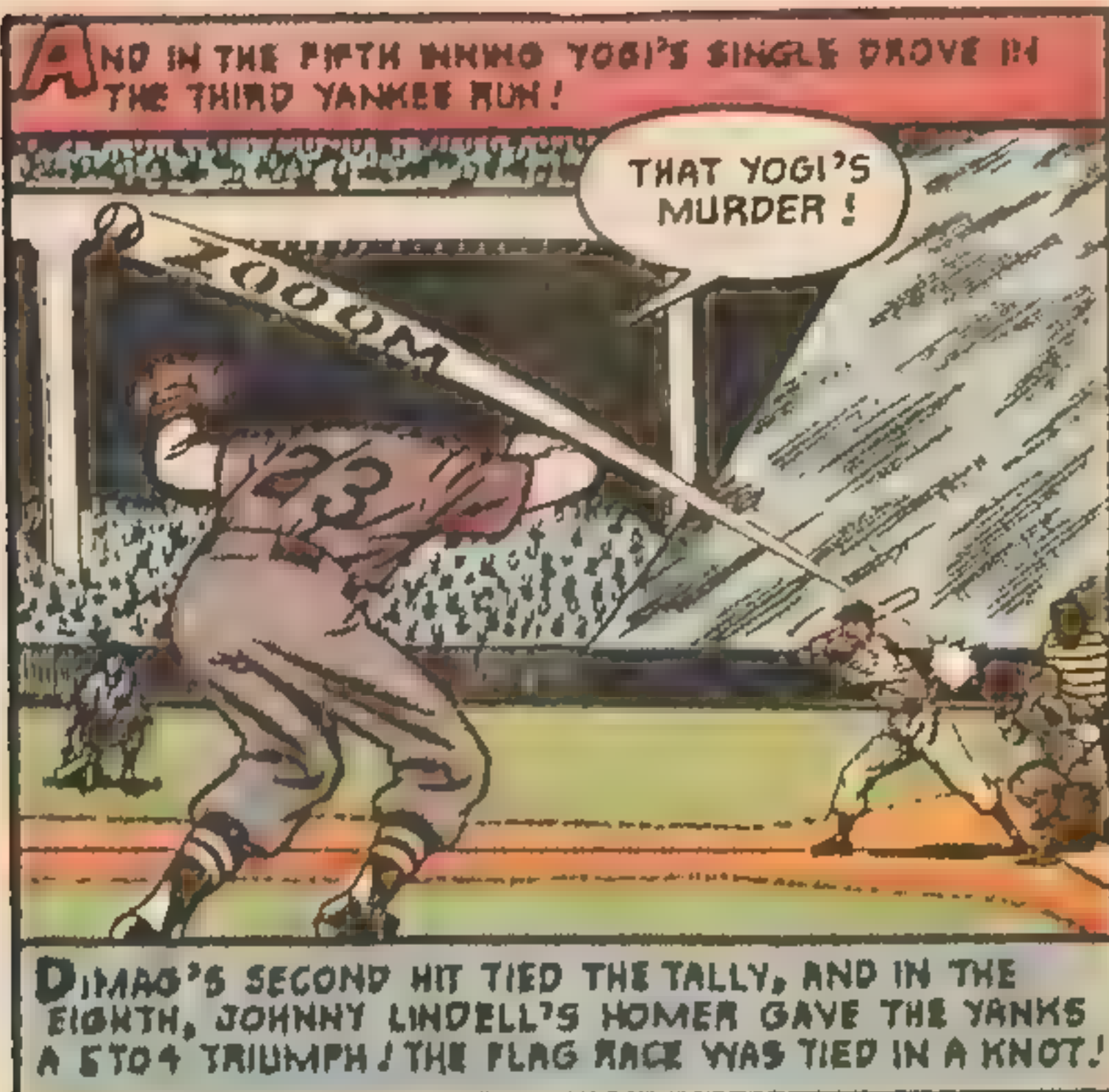
WHAT A MAN... DIMAGGIO!



# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO

**A**ND IN THE FIFTH INNING YOGI'S SINGLE DROVE IN THE THIRD YANKEE RUN!

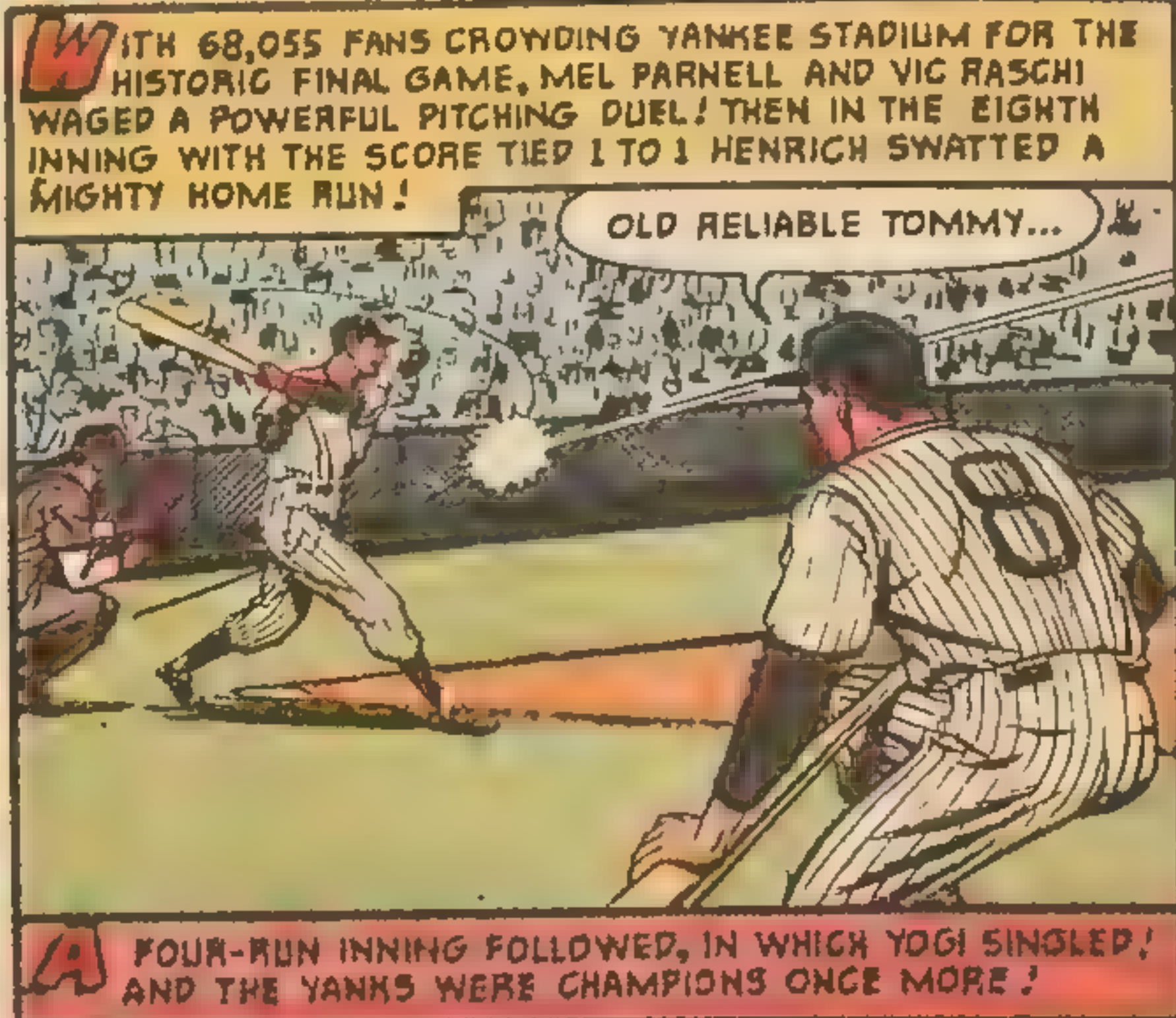
THAT YOGI'S MURDER!



DIMAG'S SECOND HIT TIED THE TALLY, AND IN THE EIGHTH, JOHNNY LINDELL'S HOMER GAVE THE YANKS A 5 TO 4 TRIUMPH! THE FLAG RACE WAS TIED IN A KNOT!

**W**ITH 68,055 FANS CROWDING YANKEE STADIUM FOR THE HISTORIC FINAL GAME, MEL PARNELL AND VIC RASCHI WAGED A POWERFUL PITCHING DUEL! THEN IN THE EIGHTH INNING WITH THE SCORE TIED 1 TO 1 HENRICH SWATTED A MIGHTY HOME RUN!

OLD RELIABLE TOMMY...



**A** FOUR-RUN INNING FOLLOWED, IN WHICH YOGI SINGLED! AND THE YANKS WERE CHAMPIONS ONCE MORE!

YEOW!

YIPPEE!

YANKES FOREVER!



GIMME AIR!

**A**ND AGAIN, IT WAS THE YANKES VERSUS THE DODGERS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD! ALLIE REYNOLDS AND PREACHER ROE HURLED PERFECT BALL TO SPLIT THE FIRST TWO GAMES, BOTH BY 1 TO 0 SCORES! AS THE NINTH INNING OF THE THIRD GAME OPENED THE CLUBS WERE TIED 1 TO 1, THE SERIES IN ABEYANCE!

YANKES CHAMPIONS 1949

Dodgers CHAMPIONS 1949

**W**ITH TWO MEN OUT, YOGI CAME TO THE PLATE WITHOUT A HIT THUS FAR IN THE SERIES!

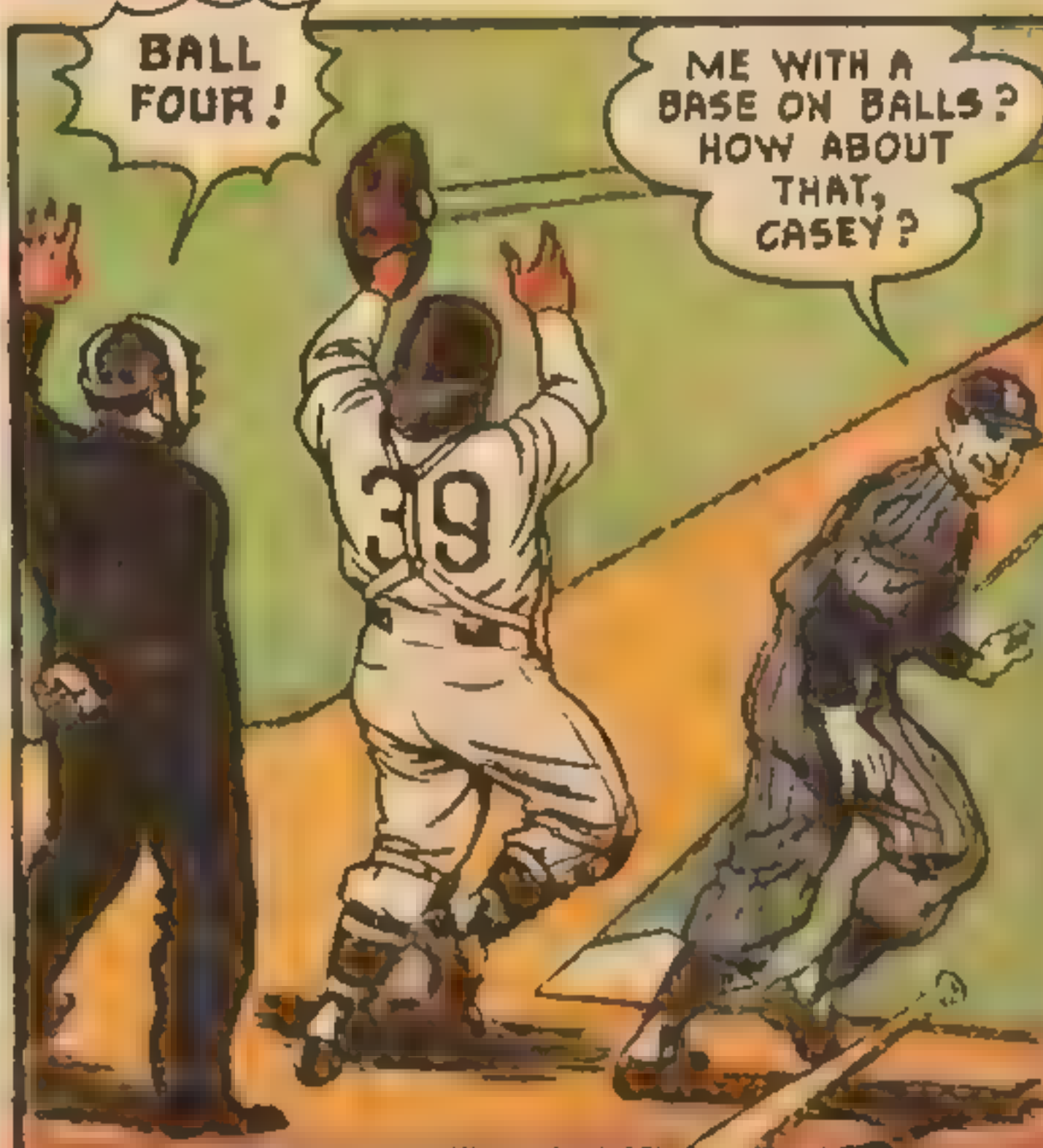
GET ON SOMEHOW, YOGI!

DON'T WORRY, CASEY... I'LL GET ON IF I HAVE TO BREAK A LEG!



BALL FOUR!

ME WITH A BASE ON BALLS? HOW ABOUT THAT, CASEY?



**A**ND YOGI'S WALK BROKE UP THE SERIES! HE SCORED THE WINNING RUN ON JOHNNY MIZE'S PINCH SINGLE! THE YANKS WENT ON TO CRUSH THE DODGERS IN FIVE GAMES... CHAMPIONS OF THE WORLD AGAIN!



# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO

## YOGI'S THRILLING RECORD 1949

Hits .....	115
Total Bases .....	199
Doubles .....	20
Triples .....	2
Homers .....	20
RBI .....	91
Batting average...	.277
Slugging average..	.479
Fielding average..	.989

**P**HIL RIZZUTO, YOGI'S ROOMMATE, GAVE HIM A BIG JOHNNY MIZE BAT DURING 1950 SPRING TRAINING AND YOGI BEGAN THE SEASON WITH A RASH OF HITS AGAINST WASHINGTON!



WAVE THAT BAT, YOGI!

# 4 HITS



**B**Y JUNE, YOGI WAS THE AMERICAN LEAGUE'S LEADING CATCHER ....

BERRA WINS!

796,442  
VOTES!  
WOW!

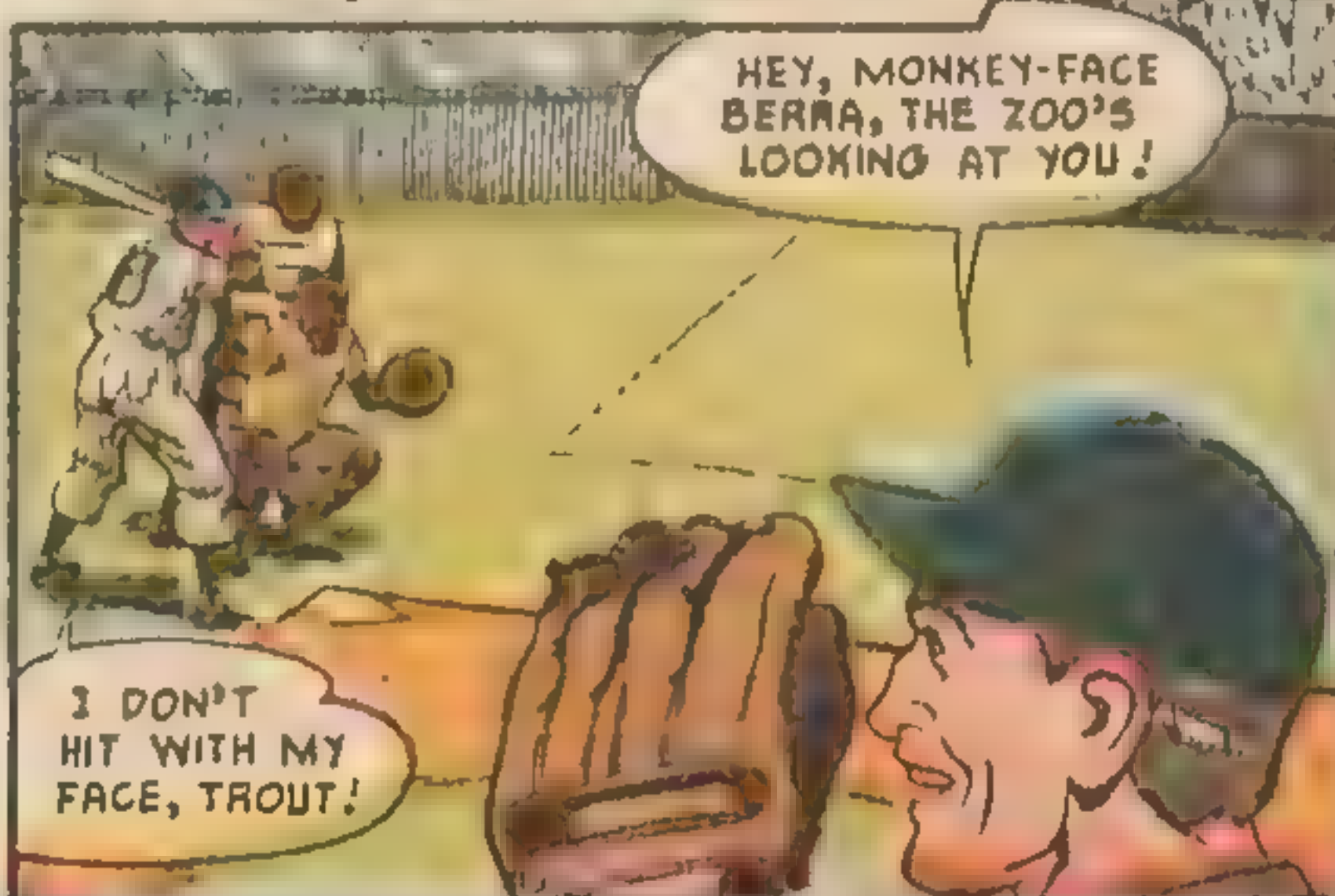
VOTE  
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**T**HE DETROIT TIGERS LED THE LEAGUE ALMOST FROM THE START! IN A GAME IN AN AUGUST SERIES, TIGER-HURLER, DIZZY TROUT, TRIED TO UNNERVE YOGI!

HEY, MONKEY-FACE BERRA, THE ZOO'S LOOKING AT YOU!

I DON'T HIT WITH MY FACE, TROUT!

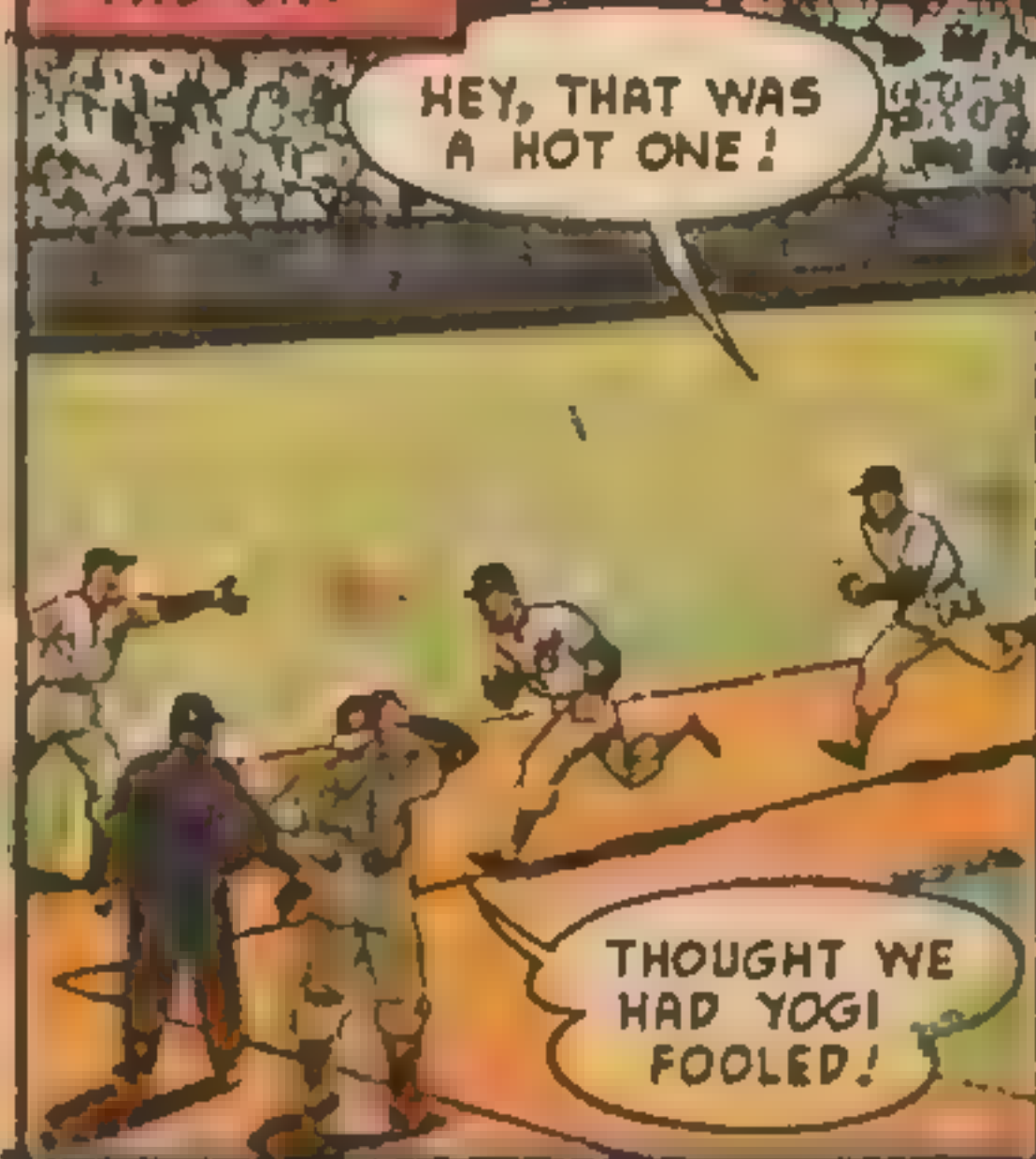


**T**HAT DAY YOGI STAGGERED THE TIGERS, DRIVING IN SIX RUNS WITH TWO SINGLES, A TRIPLE AND A HOMER!

**T**HE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON YOGI GOT ONE HIT-A HOMER WITH TWO ON.

HEY, THAT WAS A HOT ONE!

THOUGHT WE HAD YOGI FOOLED!



**T**HE TIGERS NEVER RECOVERED FROM YOGI'S DRIVE AND THE YANKS ROLLED ON TO ANOTHER FLAG!

YOU'RE THE BEST CATCHER IN BASEBALL, YOGI!

AND YOU'RE THE GREATEST MANAGER, CASE!



## YOGI'S BIGGEST SEASON 1950

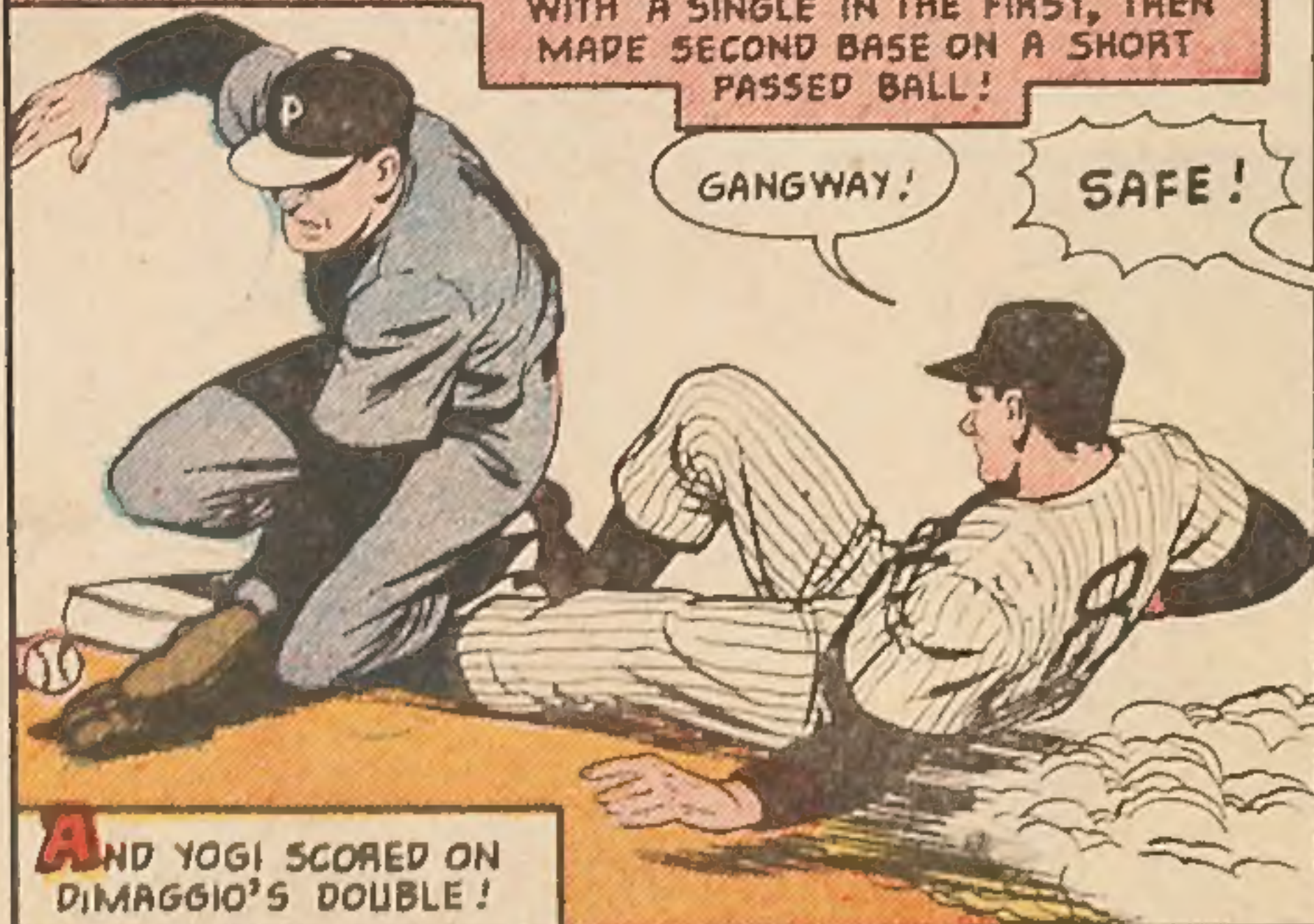
Games .....	151
At Bat .....	597
Runs .....	115
Hits .....	191
Doubles .....	31
Triples .....	6
Homers .....	28
RBI .....	125
Batting average...	.320
Slugging average...	.532

AND IT WON FOR THE YANKS, 7 TO 5!



# YOGI BERRA, BASEBALL HERO

**T**HE PHILLY WHIZ KIDS, CHAMPIONS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOWED IN THREE STRAIGHT GAMES TO THE YANKS! IN THE THRILLING FOURTH GAME, YOGI DROVE HOME SCOOTER RIZZUTO WITH A SINGLE IN THE FIRST, THEN MADE SECOND BASE ON A SHORT PASSED BALL!



GANGWAY!

SAFE!

**A**ND YOGI SCORED ON DIMAGGIO'S DOUBLE!

**A**ND IN THE SEVENTH INNING, YOGI STARTED THE NEXT YANK RALLY WITH A SUPER-HOMER! THE YANKS WON, 5 TO 2 - GLOBAL CHAMPIONS ONCE AGAIN!



**A**FTER THAT GAME....



PA, I WANT YOU TO MEET MY PALS... PHIL RIZZUTO... JOE DIMAGGIO!

GLAD TO MEET YOU, MR. BERRA!

THAT'S SOME BOY YOU HAVE, MR. BERRA!

AND TO THINK I DIDN'T WANT MY LARRY TO BE A BALL PLAYER!

**A**S YOGI MADE HIS WAY HOME THAT DAY.....



HEY, YOGI!

PLAY BALL WITH ME TOMORROW, YOGI!

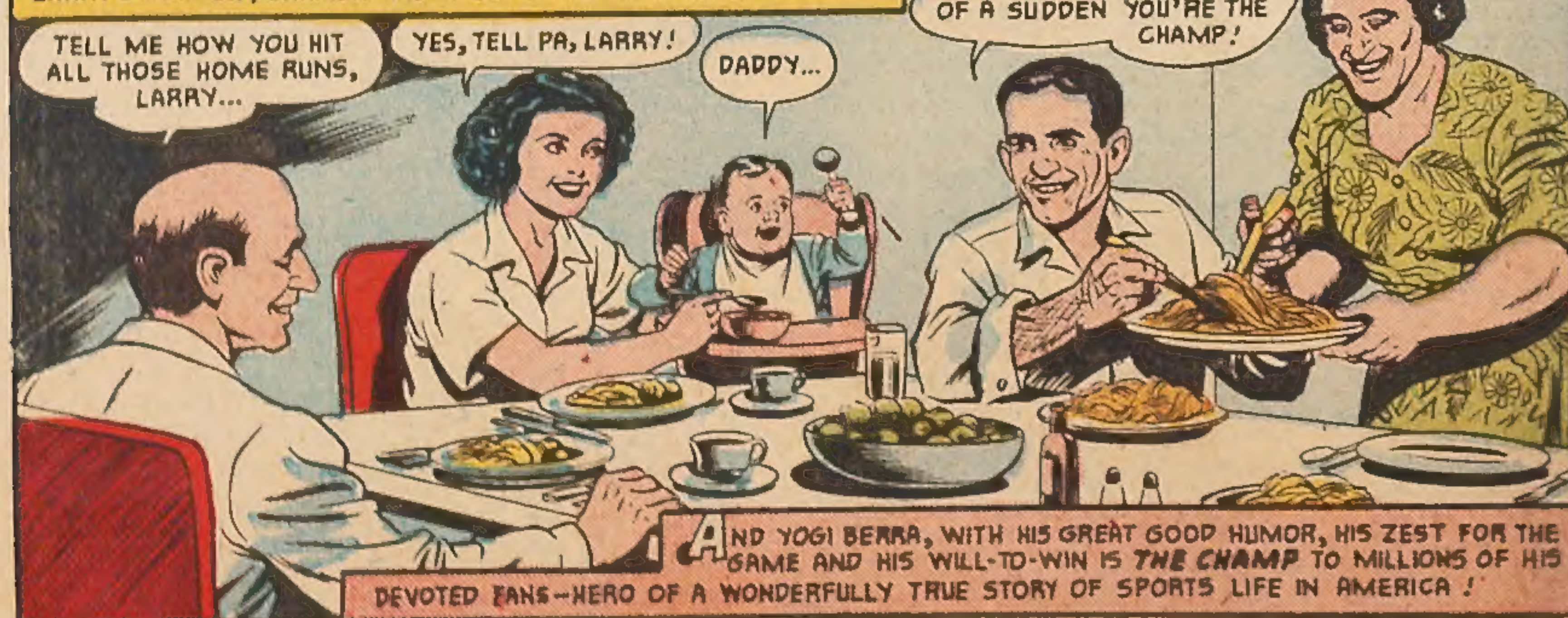
I GOT A BAT LIKE YOURS, YOGI!

COME ON UP TO MY PLACE AND WE'LL HAVE A MEETING, KIDS!

IT'S LIKE THIS, PA--YOU GO OUT THERE ON THE DIAMOND, PLAY YOUR HARDEST AND YOUR CLEANEST ALL THE TIME! THE HITS AND RUNS COME YOUR WAY--AND ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU'RE THE CHAMP!

MIO BAMBINO, LORENZO!

**B**UT YOGI WAS MOST PROUD WHEN HE WAS AT HOME IN HIS BIG ST. LOUIS HOUSE WITH PA AND MA BERRA, HIS OWN BABY SON, LARRY BERRA JR., CARMEN AND A BIG BOWL OF SPAGHETTI!



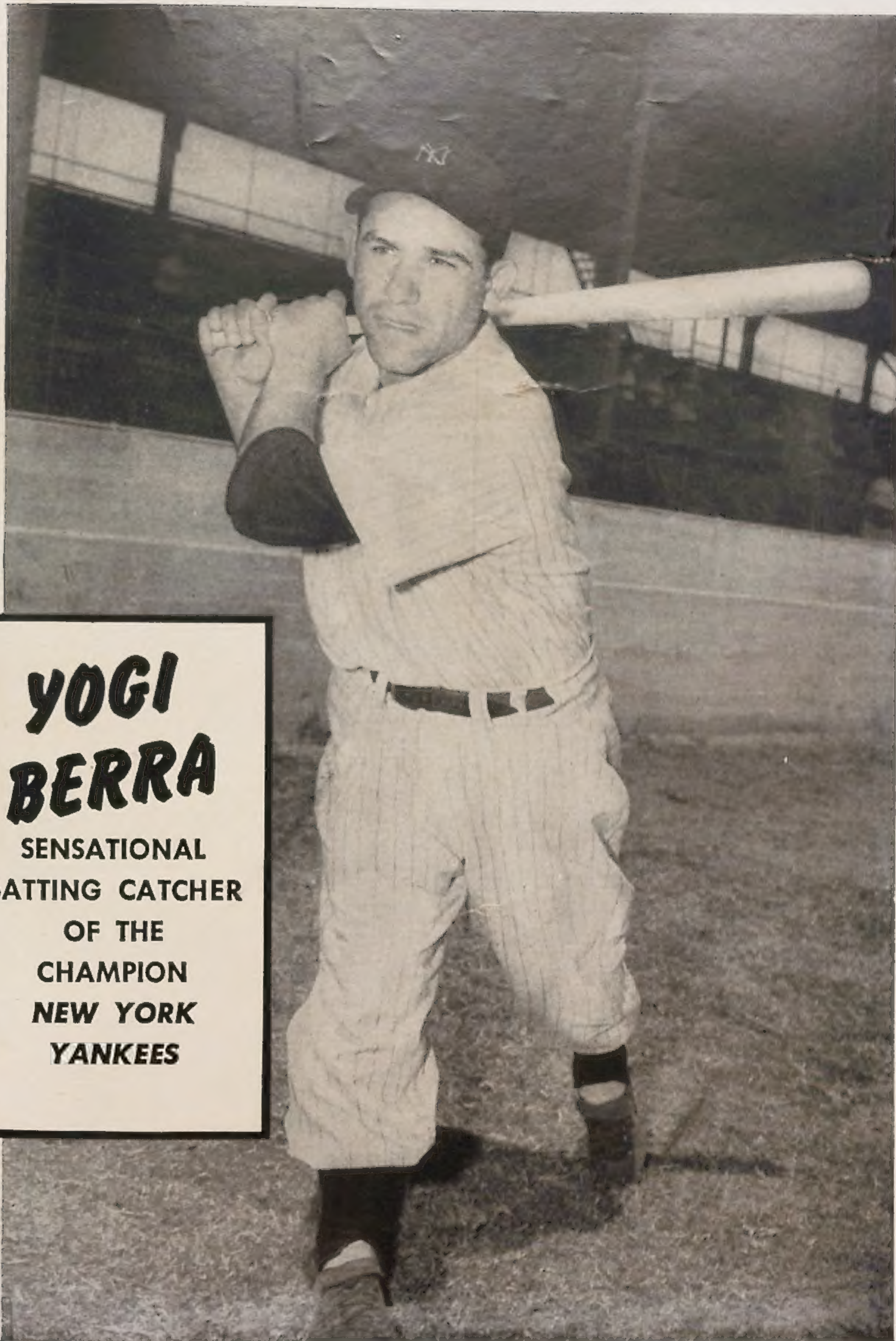
TELL ME HOW YOU HIT ALL THOSE HOME RUNS, LARRY...

YES, TELL PA, LARRY!

DADDY...

**A**ND YOGI BERRA, WITH HIS GREAT GOOD HUMOR, HIS ZEST FOR THE GAME AND HIS WILL-TO-WIN IS THE CHAMP TO MILLIONS OF HIS DEVOTED FANS--HERO OF A WONDERFULLY TRUE STORY OF SPORTS LIFE IN AMERICA!

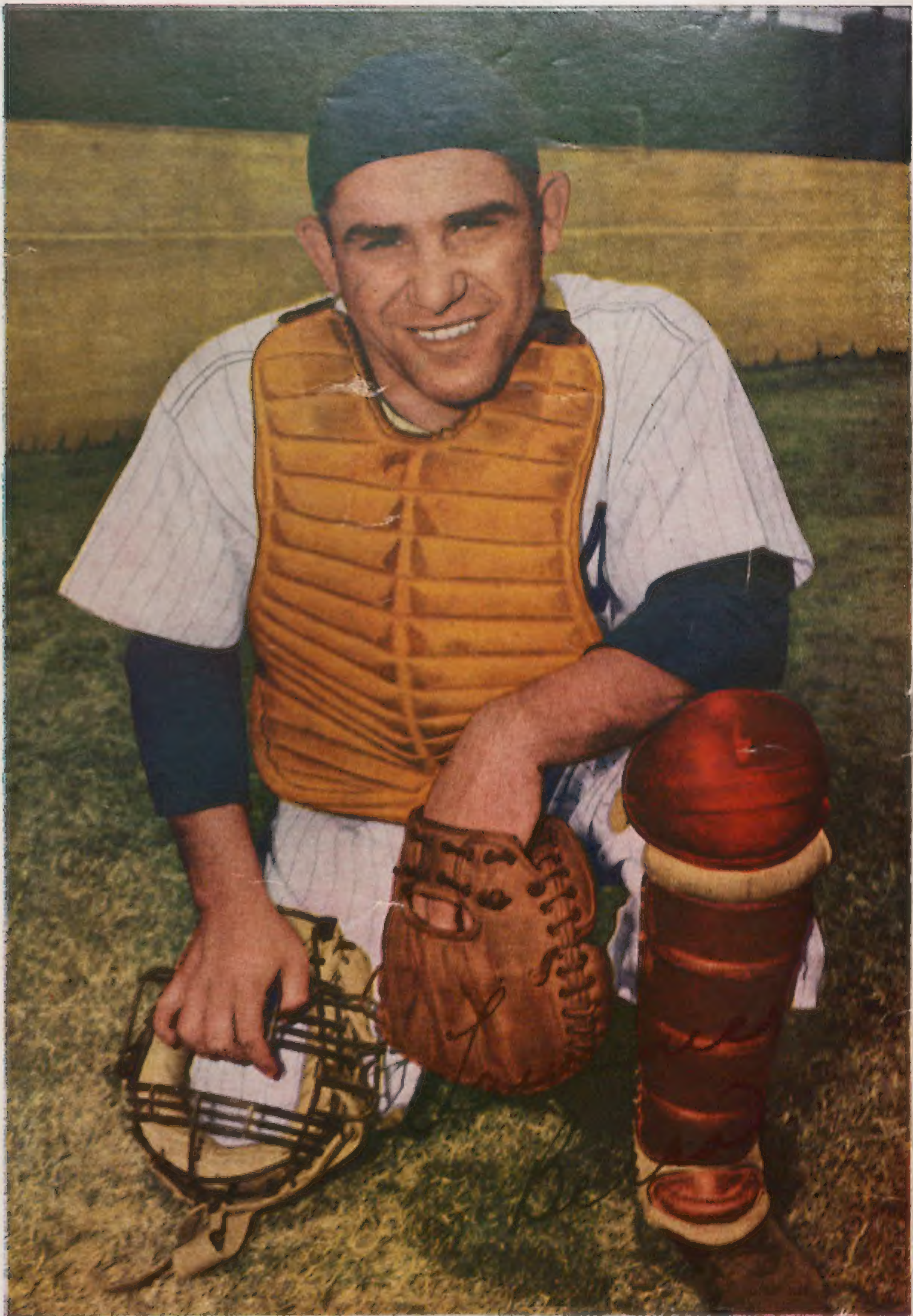




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